

THE DELAWARE VALLEY MINORITY STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CONSORTIUM



2008 1st ANNUAL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

“FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS”

March 11, 2008

**University of Pennsylvania
Sheraton University City Hotel
Philadelphia, PA**

2008 DVMSAC MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE PROGRAM

8:15-8:45 **REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
Lower Lobby

9:00-9:15 **WELCOME**
Ben Franklin Ballroom 3-4-5

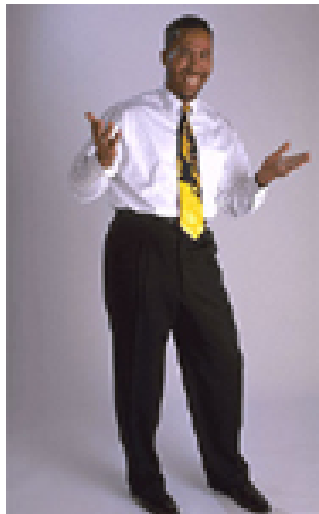
Dr. Robert L. Jarvis, DVMSAC Co-Director
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9:15-10:00 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Ben Franklin Ballroom 3-4-5

Introduction

"Mrs. Carol Nejman, Principal, Elkins Park School, School District of Cheltenham Township"



Mychal Wynn
Educator, Author, and National Consultant
Marietta, GA

Mr. Mychal Wynn was born in Pike County, Alabama during the year of the Montgomery Bus Boycott. At just six months of age, he was given up for adoption and raised in the segregated black ghetto of Chicago's south side.

A low-performing student throughout elementary and middle school, he beat the odds to survive the gangs and despair of poverty to graduate with honors from Boston's Northeastern University as his family's first college graduate.

Mr. Wynn left a high-paying career as a systems design analyst to pursue his dream of writing- a dream that his

high school guidance counselor assured him was impossible with his declaration, "There ain't no jobs for no Negro writer."

Mychal took his dream of writing, together with his passion for teaching, to South Central Los Angeles, where he volunteered to teach language, public speaking, and poetry to African-American and Latino students in several South Central Los Angeles middle schools.

With his passion for teaching, his understanding of children living in poverty, and his unique knowledge of "the hidden rules" of school success, Mr. Wynn inspired students to use language as one of the keys to opening the doors to higher education.

Over the past two decades, Mr. Wynn, with his wife, has built a successful publishing company, achieved international acclaim for his 17 published books, trained over 100,000 teachers, inspired over 500,000 parents and students, raised two children, one of whom currently attends Amherst College.

As a highly respected and much sought after consultant to schools and school districts throughout the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, and Bermuda, Mychal Wynn is a living testimony to his belief that, "Where you come from does not determine where you are going, only where you begin."

10:15-11:00 BREAKOUT SESSION 1

1. "FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS"

FACILITATOR: Mr. Mychal Wynn, Author, Educational Consultant, and CEO of Rising Sun Publishing
Marletta, GA

MODERATOR: Mrs. Ruth Geisel, MS Principal
Bristol Township School District
Levittown, PA

ROOM: Ben Franklin 1

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2. "THINKING ABOUT GETTING INTO YOUR COLLEGE OF CHOICE NOW"

FACILITATORS: Mr. Marshall Mitchell, Executive Vice President
Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, OH

Dr. Stephen Jones, College of Engineering, Associate Dean for Student Programs
Villanova University, Villanova, PA

Dr. Doreen Loury, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Director of ACT 101 Program
Arcadia University, Glenside, PA

MODERATOR: Mrs. Bernice Green, School Social Worker
Lower Merion School District
Ardmore, PA

ROOM: Ben Franklin 2

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3. "FINDING YOUR PASSION"

FACILITATOR: Mrs. Estelle Richman, Secretary of Public Welfare
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, PA

MODERATOR: Ms. Lisa Kamal, Teacher
School District of Cheltenham Township
Elkins Park, PA

ROOM: Chestnut

SESSION DESCRIPTION: Mrs. Richman will share with students about her own experiences of growing up in the segregated South and overcoming racism in order to follow her passion of helping others less fortunate- a legacy started by her father. As a child, Mrs. Richman was told by her parents, "you will be okay, only if you exceed everyone's expectations." This message will be shared with students so they too can exceed expectations and continue the legacy of being tomorrow's leaders as well as giving back to their communities.

4. "HABITS FOR A SUCCESSFUL JOURNEY THROUGH THE TEEN YEARS"

FACILITATOR: Ms. Barbara Moore Williams, Educational Consultant
Philadelphia, PA

MODERATOR: Mrs. Lynne Partridge, Teacher
Lower Merion School District
Ardmore, PA

ROOM: University Suite

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School District of Cheltenham Township
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MODERATOR: Mrs. Alyse S. Halpin, Teacher
Kennett Consolidated School District
Kennett Square, PA

ROOM: Fairmount Suite 1

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6. "BE TRUE TO YOURSELF"

FACILITATOR: Mr. John White, Jr., Exec Director of Consortium, Inc. and former Secretary of Welfare for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, PA

MODERATOR: Ms. Tara Aldrich, Teacher
Springfield Township School District
Oreland, PA

ROOM: William Penn Sulte

SESSION DESCRIPTION: Middle school students are becoming aware of who they are on multiple levels. In this session, students will begin to identify their personal beliefs and understandings regarding what they value. Where a student's moral compass is pointing will help him or her navigate toward educational goals and success.

**11:00-12:00 LUNCH, MIX AND MINGLE AND GROUP PHOTOS
Ben Franklin 3-4-5**

12:15-1:00 BREAKOUT SESSION 2

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FACILITATOR: Mr. Mychal Wynn, Author, Educational Consultant, and CEO of Rising Sun Publishing
Marietta, GA

MODERATOR: Ms. Ashley Oleszewski, Teacher
Morrisville School District
Morrisville, PA

ROOM: Ben Franklin 1

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6. “ETHNIC NOTIONS OF THE MIND: AFRICAN AMERICAN STEREOTYPES AND CULTURAL LEADERSHIP”

FACILITATOR: Dr. Crystal Lucky, Associate Professor of English, Africana Studies and Women Studies
Villanova University
Villanova, PA

MODERATOR: Ms. Lisa Kamal, Teacher
School District of Cheltenham Township
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ROOM: William Penn Suite

SESSION DESCRIPTION: In this session, we will investigate the origins of African American stereotypes and consider their legacy in contemporary American culture. The session will ask students to think about visual and literary examples in their everyday lives and will require some reading, writing, and small group discussion. Students should come to the session with a pen or pencil.

1:15-2:00 BREAKOUT SESSION 3

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FACILITATOR: Ms. Barbara Moore Williams, Educational Consultant
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MODERATOR: Ms. Peggy Levesque, Dean of Students
Rose Tree Media School District
Media, PA

ROOM: University Suite

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2:15-2:45 **DEBRIEFING AND GROUP REFLECTION**
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2:45-3:00 **BUSES DEPART**

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