

# Blacks Assuming Life- For AOIP Organizations The Year

**E**ssentially these goals were framed upon the assessed needs of Black Americans. If the dream of freedom, justice and dignity is to be realized, we as Black Americans must assume a great responsibility. In order to accomplish these goals AOIP has accepted the fact that the schools alone cannot educate our population sufficiently. Thus, we must have broad-based, total community participation.

This action by AOIP is precedent-setting in that it is the first real commitment by broad-based Black American controlled, owned and operated organizations, businesses and institutions. Indeed, this is a dramatic admission that we are the holders of our own destiny. The future, then, is up to us!

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*“Pulling Ourselves Up By Our*

# Giving Responsibility Blacks... Agree On Goals For 2000



The ADVANCER in action in Mrs. Lorraine Douglas' 3rd and 4th grade class. Mrs. Douglas is the West Section Director of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.

*“We know it matters not what we have been  
But this and always this: what we shall be.”*

**N**o words seem to be becoming more important to many of our Black leaders than the last four direction-pointing ones from the above writing of Angela Weld Grimke. They are written as a statement. Yet, they ask a most appropriate question: What shall we (as Americans of African descent) be at some foreseeable time in the not too distant future?

Especially because many of our Black—or African American—leadership are educators and/or social researchers in other disciplines, they realize that starting long before America was established as a nation, no subject pertaining to this land has been more popular and, at the same time, more perplexing than “what to do with—or how to make good use of—our Americans of African descent.”

For a wide range of reasons which has included massive psychological manipulation, we, as Black or African Americans, in the past have never seemed able and

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