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**Houston Bound  
with the NAACP's  
ACT-SO Program**



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Recently I had the pleasure of being the guest speaker for the Pomona (CA) Valley NAACP's ACTO-SO Awards Competition Program and shared some thoughts on "Afro-Academics." I believe that Dr. Benjamin Hooks would be pleased with my comments.

ACT-SO is an acronym for Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics. It is a major project of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP.)

According to the NAACP, ACT-SO is rooted in the firm conviction that African Americans can succeed in the classroom at the superior levels of achievement constantly displayed by African Americans in the athletic arenas of the nation.

The NAACP continues that "It is the goal of ACT-SO to afford the same respect for black

scholastic and cultural achievement that is awarded heroes (and heroines) in the world of sports."

I referred to the students and parents in the audience as geneses, not in the abstract sense of the word that it is often mentioned - someone who has more intelligence than someone else.

The students and parents that evening were geneses in the truest and broadest sense of the word, that is, they all had interests, skills and abilities.

The key was to now define and then refine those interests, skills and abilities. Once these things are done, they (especially the students) should use those interests and skills to benefit humanity.

On that evening, I told them that motivation comes from within. At this point in their lives, I could not motivate them, KRS-One could not, X-Clan could not, nor could even Harvard or

Howard universities.

However, we should step forward and become reinforcers of that motivation that was nurtured by their parents, families and other significant others while they were much younger.

The Humanities, Performing Arts, Sciences and Visual Arts are the categories that the students compete in this annual program. Some examples of humanities would be: poetry, playwriting, essays and music composition.

Performing Arts include dance, dramatics, music instrumentals and music vocals. Sciences would include Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science and Mathematics. Visual Arts include drawing, painting, photography and sculpture. These are not complete lists for any category, but represents examples of.

I told the Pomona Valley students that I and many others were proud of their accomplishments to date. We were equally proud of all of the young people from across the nation who will be their competitors in Houston.

Among my challenges to them were 1) always have fun, 2) to always remember that motivation comes from within, 3) strive to be a leader instead of just a prominent personality in their respective fields of interest and 4) continue to support and challenge our African institutions such as the Church, colleges, newspapers and civic organizations.

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## C.C.S.N. SAYS: AVOID LINES, REGISTER EARLY

Because of expected record fall registration, officials at Community College of Southern Nevada urge students who plan to attend fall classes to register early and avoid long lines.

"We've established an early registration process," Arlie J. Stops, Director of Admissions and Records said. "Students can take advantage of the early procedures and assure themselves seats in the classes they plan to attend plus avoid the irritation of long registration line."

Stops warned that early registration ends July 25.

"Students who plan to attend

the college this fall have three registration alternatives during the early registration process," Stops said. If they attended the college previously, they can register by telephone. The number to call is 643-7026. Others may mail in their registration forms, or they can come to the college and register in person. Complete registration information is available in our Fall Schedule which was mailed earlier this month or is available at libraries or any of the three college campuses."

In the Spring CCSN broke all registration records with 19,951

students officially listed as attending the college. This Fall the college expects over 20,000 Southern Nevadans to attend.

Those who miss the early registration period take a chance of not obtaining the classes they wish to take because many courses will fill during the early registration period. Those who miss early registration, however, will have a final opportunity to register during the regular period, August 26-30.

Fall semester instruction begins Tuesday, September 3. For additional information call 643-6060.

## PERSONAL MANAGEMENT SEMINAR PLANNED

A free workshop on developing a sense of personal power is scheduled for 11 a.m. July 9th at the ReEntry Center at the Community College of Southern Nevada.

The one-hour session will be conducted by Faye Duncan-Daniel and is aimed at helping women develop better attitudes about themselves.

Duncan-Daniel said she tried to give participants a dose of reality therapy to help them realize that they must respect themselves and expect success in their lives.

She offers a 50-point plan for developing a sense of personal power and taking control of your life. She encourages women to take responsibility for their lives and not to live through other

people.

Her free seminar is directed towards helping displaced homemakers, such as widows, single parents or divorcees become more self confident and more self sufficient.

"I direct my remarks for these women, but the class would be beneficial for anyone who is seeking to add more direction to life and wants to better manage her activities," Duncan-Daniel said.

The class will be held at the Community College at 3200 E.

Cheyenne Ave. in North Las Vegas. No pre-registration is required.

Duncan-Daniel is a member of the State Displaced Homemakers Board which oversees the ReEntry Center. She was instrumental in getting the center started a year ago and was previously on the staff of the community college.

For more information on this class or other free programs offered at the ReEntry Center call Rita Evans at the college at 643-6060, ext. 294.

## LOIS CRAIG STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETIC CONGRESS COMPETITION

Students on the track team at Lois Craig Elementary School participated in the semifinals of The Athletic Congress (TAC) in Long Beach, California. The competition was formerly called the Junior Olympics. The finals will held in Chapel Hills, North Carolina in July.

Several of the students participating placed in various events.

Their names are listed below:

Girls' Relay Team - fifth place - Kanisha Young, Shenille Foreman, Edna Jackson, and Janelle Jimmerson.

Boys' Relay Team - sixth place - Derrick Alexander, Brent Evans, Jamone Patterson, and T.J. Otis.

Boys' Long Jump - seventh place and eighth place respectively - Jamone Patterson and Derrick Alexander.

Javelin - seventh place - Mitch Lengenfelder

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