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In Honor of African
Women & The African
Personality



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African Americans are quantitatively the most highly educated people of African descent in the world.

With approximately 8,000 physicians, 3,000 dentists, 5,000 attorneys, thousands of public school teachers and academicians, over one hundred predominantly African American colleges and universities and over one million college students, education has traditionally been valued in the African community.

When one adds to these impressive numbers, all of the educated and literate people of African descent in Africa, the Caribbean, the Latin American region and world wide, it becomes clear that the goal of an educated world is an African priority.

How was all of this accomplished? Fortunately, most of these people refused to view themselves as being marginalized or victims.

At the same time, they/we have remained aware of racism, sexism and even in-house charlatans, who often hide behind predominantly eurocentric ideologies (i.e. Marxism, feminism, conservatism, liberalism, capitalism, political correctness.)

It is very important to understand that even these and most ideologies or philosophies have some truth or merit in them. Because of that fact, we encourage student scholars to read the theories and then apply them from an African centered perspective.

Our teachers, beginning with our mothers and fathers, loved and respected us and made sure that we also respected people of all ethnicities.

"When you educate woman, you educate a nation," and "the hand that rocks the cradle, rule the nation and its destiny."

Dr. Frances Cress Welsing states that these two proverbs reminds us of some ancient and important wisdom of Africa that

remains invaluable to this day.

According to several leading African American social scientists, every major movement originating from within the African community and eventually impacting this nation has been led by individuals (many women) and organizations that were culturally, spiritually and religiously connected to the community.

Some of these people were educated, many were not. Those of us in higher education, along with artists and performers, rarely make or lead movements unless we meet the above mentioned criteria.

In fact, according to one leading psychologist, "Most academicians tend to trail movement." And when we begin to identify filmmakers, artist and entertainers as leaders of a movement, the

movement then begins to stray. This fact, most students and fans come to realize as they continue to mature.

It is this outer reality of education (life) that a Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman or a Fannie Lou Hamer brought to the movement. All were leaders. All were visionaries. There are thousands like them still in our communities.

One of the best ways to honor these and millions of other women of African descent (on the front lines) is to also practice what they preached. The African personality is alive and strong, and so is the hand that rocks the cradle!

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UNR HOSTS INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS POLICY COMPETITION

RENO - Conducting business in a recession has all the allure of walking blindfolded through a mine field. One false step by a CEO can explode into bankruptcy. So who in their right mind would voluntarily enter such a battlefield?

Six students from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas that's who. They will courageously put on their combat fatigues and wage corporate war in the three-day International Business Policy Competition at the University of Nevada, Reno.

The UNLV team, operating under the company name of Spectra Tech, will be battling 120 other students in a competition considered the most prestigious intercollegiate business event in North America. It was founded at Nevada 28 years ago. It is sponsored by Nevada's College of Business Administra-

tion. The Rebel CEOs are: David Reid, president; Gary Miller, vice president and finance officer; Barbara Harber, controller; Thomas Burton, vice president of marketing; Amy Fletcher, vice president of forecasting; and Cathy Mahan, vice president of production. Their adviser is Wayne Label, UNLV accounting professor.

UNLV and teams from Arizona, Arkansas, California, Idaho, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Ontario, Canada, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah, and Reno will test their business skills in the volatile U.S. market. Team members act as the top management of hypothetical manufacturing companies producing a semi-durable consumer product.

The teams began competing by computer modern from their home campuses in February.

The culmination of their efforts came to a head Friday, April 24, when a panel of actual senior corporate executives picks the winner in head-to-head competition in the corporate offices set up at the University Inn.

Each team decision, which represents a business quarter, requires teams to address in detail the full range of corporate growth, productivity and credit norms such as market analysis, new product development, plant openings and production line scheduling, forecasting, compensation policies, advertising, pricing strategies, asset management and strategic planning. Each team must prepare a comprehensive business plan and annual reports for each year of operation.

This year's judges come from the Reno-Sparks area and eight states. From Northern Nevada

are Tom Buckley, president of Paterson Pacific Parchment Co., Dorothy Martin, an administrator at Harrah's; Ed Chapin, president of New Horizons Group; Jerry Hubbard, financial consultant; and Dick Barthelet, president of Pennington and Associates.

Other judges include: Roy H. Pollack, retired vice president of RCA; George W. Samson, president of the Push-Pin Co.; and John Krikl, president of ASM American and ASM Epitaxy.

R.C. Barnes, executive director of the competition, said the contest provides a valuable "real-world" application of skills learned in the classroom.

"Our competition not only gives the participants a realistic simulation of the business environment, it gives them all the pressure of inter-school rivalry as well," Barnes said.

ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION UNDER WAY

Registration is under way for elementary summer school classes, which will be held throughout the Clark County school District from June 15 through July 24.

Summer classes will be held from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday

through Thursday. Classes tentatively are scheduled for all nine-month schools, depending on enrollment. Remedial and enrichment classes are available; enrichment classes include math, science, personal development and fine arts.

Classes are open to all students who have completed kindergarten through sixth grade, including students who attend private schools. The cost is \$70 for the six-week session.

This year's summer school program is going by a new name: Sunshine Academy-Summer Adventures.

Information is available by calling the elementary summer school office at 799-0325 between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. weekdays.

SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Catch up on classes or get a head start on your classmates. Now is the time to register for secondary summer school courses. Summer school for secondary students will be held from June 22 to August 5 at six campuses throughout the area. See your school counselor for details.

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