

DR. YOUNG LEADS LVABSE



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Dr. Linda Young makes no bones about being totally bullish in education. The veteran educator is president of the Las Vegas Alliance of Black School Educators (LVABSE), a group dedicated to helping Black youth in particular, and all children, realize their full educational potential.

LVABSE is currently party to a major class action lawsuit against the Clark County School District. The lawsuit, alleging across-the-board discrimination, is being appealed at this time to the Ninth Circuit Court of Ap-

peals in San Francisco. The suit, on behalf of Black parents, students, educators and school district employees, seeks to remedy past and present discriminatory practices which LVABSE alleges continue to plague the system.

"That discrimination exists in

our school system should be apparent to anyone who knows anything however remote about the district," Young said. Young, Director of Special Education Programs, stresses that as an employee of the district she has even more reason to want the system to change for the better.

"When we remedy gross inequities for Black youngsters we improve the chances for academic success for all students," Young emphasizes.

Young has been an employee of the Clark County School District since 1976. Throughout her educational

career, she has served in many capacities, including: high school teacher, counselor, school psychologist, coordinator of special education programs, elementary special education teacher, special education consultant, high school dean of students, high school assistant principal, elementary school principal, and currently as director of special education programs.

Young is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and numerous other professional, civic and community-based organizations at the local and national level. She also is actively involved in the NAACP's ACT-SO Program, helping the development of young people.

Among her many degrees,

Young holds a doctorate degree in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University.

"We invite participation from the community in our efforts to provide equal education for African-American students," said Young. The telephone number for the LVABSE office is 734-0019.



EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE — Virgis Colbert, Miller Brewing Company vice president of operations, center, visits with Jackie Oliver, left, and Miguel Vargas, right, recipients of the University of Toledo's Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarships. Colbert was the keynote speaker at a March banquet honoring the students at the university. In his speech, he told students and community leaders that education must be pursued within the framework of humane and ethical values. "We need a society whose citizens possess a passion for justice and a capacity for human compassion," Colbert said.

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