

THE FOURTH ANNUAL NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

STOMPIN' INTO THE NINETIES

Keeping in its tradition of developing bold young leadership, Leadership Excellence proudly announces Stompin' Into The Nineties, Fourth Annual National African American Student Leadership Conference. This culture-filled synopsis of thought and practice will take place October 21-24, 1993 at the Town & Country Hotel in San Diego, California.

"The goal of the conference is to both motivate and educate Black college students in a manner which allows them to become committed, conscious, competent, and confident leaders of our people" said Shawn A. Ginwright co-founder of Leadership Excellence.

Stompin' Into The Nineties will most definitely bring together the African American leaders of today and tomorrow. Among the featured speakers are Dr. Maulana Karenga, Dr. Julia Hare and Daniel E. Walker.

Dr. Karenga is a professor of Black Studies at California State University Long Beach and is widely known as the creator of the Kwanzaa, the African American holiday celebrated in various African communities throughout the world including the Caribbean, Brazil and Europe. Dr. Karenga has authored numerous scholarly articles and eight books including Introduction to Black Studies which is the most widely used into text in Black Studies.

Dr. Julia Hare, a master teacher, was named "Educator of the Year" in Washington, D.C. by American University. As a broadcast journalist she developed a fiercely loyal cadre of followers during her tenure at San Francisco radio station KGO, an ABC affiliate, and KSFO, a Golden West Station. With her husband, Dr. Nathan Hare, she has written several books including The Endangered Black Family and Bringing the Black Boy to Manhood.

Daniel E. Walker is the youngest of the conference's three featured keynote speakers. At the age of nineteen he, along with Ginwright, created Leadership Excellence, the only organization whose efforts are primarily focused on developing conscious young Black leaders. An expert in the arenas of education, politics and economic development, Mr. Walker has given over 400 addresses and presentations throughout the U.S.. His first book, Droppin' Science; A Commentary With Solutions, will be in bookstores this February. In addition to the featured speakers and workshops, Stompin' Into The Nineties will showcase some of the young leaders in the arts, science and politics. Among these will be a presentation of Our Little Se-

cret, the award-winning play by noted young playwright Rickerby Hinds. Like all of Hinds' works, "Secret" utilizes the talents of aspiring thespians while tackling a subject germane to contemporary Black life. Through Hinds' drama company, Dramatik Afrikan Productions, his mission to expose Black youth to theater takes on living form and breaks through generational and cultural gaps which have traditionally only served to thwart the artistic expression of young

people. Along with the above mentioned activities, Stompin' Into The Nineties will serve as an entertaining as well as educational experience for participants. The conference will include The Black Comedy Explosion, featuring some of the nation's hottest comedians from BET's Comic View, Showtime at the Apollo and HBO's Def Comedy Jam. There will be a traditional African Fashion Show, a Career Fair and two slammin' Dances

featuring current chart-toppers in the R&B and Hip Hop world. Additionally, Leadership Excellence's annual Sherehe, a cultural celebration utilizing the artistic talents of conference participants, and the conference-ending Gospel Festival/Brunch are always showstoppers. As part of the closing ceremonies Walker will present his Challenges to the 'Hood address, motivating this generation to step up its efforts in the quest for communal Black excellence.

With regional coordinators in all parts of the country, Leadership Excellence is confident this event will present a bold portrait of the conscious movement they are enlisting throughout the nation. To date their programs have touched the lives of thousands and over 95% of the graduating seniors involved in Leadership Excellence programming are accepted into four-year colleges and universities. Leadership Excellence sponsors summer leadership camps, educa-

tor training seminars, weekly academic enrichment programs, a high school and college student mentor program and national college tours for African American high school students.

This year Leadership Excellence begins publication of Ujamaa, a serious quarterly national magazine, and will continue to expand its creation of affiliates across the country. For more information regarding the conference, contact Leadership Excellence at (619) 263-8613.

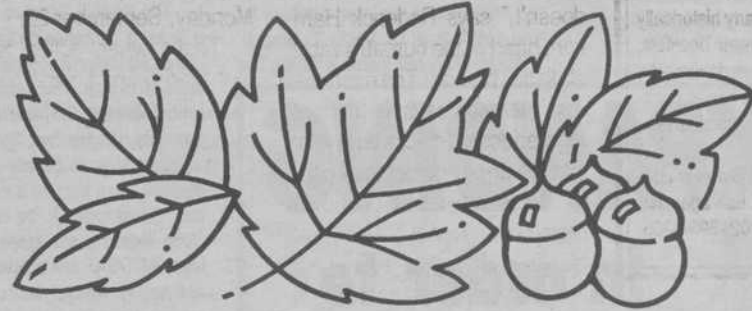


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