

Committed 100 Men sponsors second mentoring forum

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"Word from the Street", is the title of the 2nd Annual Mentoring Symposium sponsored by the Committed 100 Men (C-100) this Saturday, at the West Las Vegas Library (theatre), 951 West Lake Mead Boulevard, from 12:30 P.M. to 4 P.M. A panel discussion for potential solutions will be held on various topics: "Parenting, Teen Pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, Gang Involvement, Drug Abuse, the Juvenile Justice System, and the Educational System's Inequities."

The panelists will include: Henry Herbert, C100 Program Coordinator-Parenting; Dr. Reva Anderson, Diversity/Organizational Management and Ms. Susan Harty, New Vision Theatre-HIV/AIDS; Ms. Christine Brady, Community Professional/Parent and Ms. Simone Burns-Abandoned Babies;

Dr. Alonzo Jones, Program Manager/Youth Counselor-Gang Involvement; Mr. Lou Collins, Youth Advocate and Mr. Alex Bernal-Drug Abuse; Mr. John Jones, Mentor/retired community developer/Investigator and Mr. Jeff Jones, Juvenile Probation Officer-Juvenile Justice System; and Imam Abdus-Sallam, Mentor/Cultural Coordinator UAA & Ms. Odealya Price, college student UNLV-educational system inequities.

The Committed 100 Men is a community minded service organization that is chartered with a mission of bringing about positive changes for youths and improvement of their lives within our community. Through dedicated mentors, parents, volunteers, and affiliate groups, the Committed 100 Men has provided programs to keep students focused on the importance of education, family, culture,

responsibility, and community.

The Committed 100 Men began in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1990. The organization is dedicated to providing "positive messages" for African-American males. They offer examples of productive alternatives in an environment where gang involvement, drug trafficking, and counterproductive sexual behavior exist. The goals of the C100 Men include emphasizing strong morals, the benefits of hard work, and the

family unit as a solid foundation.

According to Henry Herbert, the program coordinator, "The organization has been in existence for the last 13 years making a difference in the lives of young men. Through our mentoring efforts, and Rites of Passage program, we teach young men to appreciate their life, culture, the importance of an education, conflict resolution, and coping skills. Many of these students we serve come from low income,

single parent households who benefit greatly from the work of this organization and the dedication of its volunteers."

He added, "This community event is being brought to the community specifically to educate, provoke action, to seek solutions and solicit the commitment from professional men who consider themselves role-models for our young males and other youth in our community and becoming mentors for our organization. In particular, this community event is to recruit

African-American men to involve them as mentors in the lives of African-Americans and other ethnic boys."

The organization serves approximately 60 students per school year in the middle schools. Two thirteen-week cycle programs are offered, once during the fall semester and once in the spring.

Parents and students are required to commit to the total schedule of the program in order for it to be successful.

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AKAs, Omegas praise 6th financial summit

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For the sixth consecutive year, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will host their Economic Summit/Money Matters seminar. Established in 1998 as a way to educate minorities and minority groups in particular, on managing money and creating wealth, the seminar has blossomed into that has something for everyone.

Via a series of training workshops covering myriad financial topics, from real estate investment to starting a business, the annual summit educated and empowered attendees to pursue their financial goals.

This year's seminar will be no different. Set for Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the West Charleston campus of the Community College of Southern Nevada, Building B, it will feature instruction from financial and educational professionals on such topics as managing credit and lowering debt, applying for college scholarships and financial aid, preparing for and mastering the job interview process, choosing the right credit card and resolving legal issues surround credit.

Presenters include State Farm Insurance Agent Leon Pearson, Lasonia Maxie of Citibank's Community Banking Relations department, Mike Holcomb and Enoch Wong of New York Life and Brian Ferguson CLU, managing partner of New York Life. Tina Rimmey, senior accountant at the Monte Carlo Hotel-Casino, and Daryl Daniels, assistant comptroller at the Bellagio, will discuss the various job opportunities available in the accounting industry. Urban Chamber of Commerce President Hannah Brown will deliver the keynote address.

Both the AKAs and the Omegas expressed excitement about the event.

"It is imperative that we educate our youth about the importance of good credit and managing finances," said Kaweeda G. Adams, co-chair for the event for the Theta Theta Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha. "The Economic Seminar sponsored by these two outstanding organizations demonstrates the commitment each organization shares in the financial education of our community."

Timothy McElroy, co-chair for the Kappa Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi added, "According to the U.S. Commerce Department, minority purchasing power in 2000 was projected at \$1.3 trillion. That figure will only grow; therefore, it is necessary that we educate and empower citizens in our community on using their money to empower themselves."

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