



100 BLACK MEN OF CHICAGO, INC.

The Voice of 100 Black Men of Chicago

“Mentoring the 100 Way”[®] Programs

Mentees at the National Convention in New York City



On June 12th our mentees traveled by plane, shuttle bus, train, and taxi to the Hilton hotel in Manhattan for the 100 Black Men’s National Conference. 100BMOA chapters from all over North America, plus England, and the Caribbean were in attendance. Mentees went to a taping of BET’s 106 and Park where Denzel Washington was a guest, and later they celebrated on a cruise ship to the Statue of Liberty. 100BMC members were also present to network and learn about other programs and opportunities for the 100BMC, while the mentees explored NYC.



Story By Mentee & End of Mentoring Year

Story Produced & Written By Christian West

A journalism story about the 100 Black Men of Chicago produced and written solely by Christian West, freshman in the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University. Christian is an example of a young African-American male, excelling at one of our Nation's top academic institutions.



End of Mentoring Carnival

Mentoring is over for the 2008-2009 season, and the 100BMC joined up with Tom Finch to treat the mentees, mentors, and parents to a day at the carnival. The weather cooperated and we had 30 attendees scattered throughout the park. The theme seemed to be spin upside down, then eat greasy food, and finally spin upside down again. Unlike others at the park, none of our mentees or mentors lost their lunch.



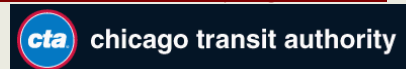
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<http://www.100bmc.org>

BUY BLACK. Member John Anderson & his family have pledged to “BUY BLACK” They are gaining support and notoriety “What if our community truly united to Buy Black? Now, we will see.” Visit the **Empowerment Experiment** <http://www.eefortomorrow.com/>

The CTA is the best way to get to there!



Mentoring the 100 Way Continued

Dr. Smith goes to Waubonsie

Our Mentees at Waubonsie Valley High School welcomed a very special guest presenter, Dr. George Smith 100BMC Board Member and Sponsor. Dr. Smith provided an energetic, fact filled, presentation on the importance of committing to both a quality education and hard work as the foundation to establishing and achieving scholastic, professional, and personal goals. Dr. Smith also emphasized that life's experiences are not without some bumps in the road. Throughout the presentation, Dr. Smith entertained a number of questions from inquiring students. In addition to the enthusiasm Dr. Smith generated speaking to the upside of achieving goals, he did not fail to share the grave consequences for those who choose not to establish education as the basis of their pursuits.



Practice Makes Perfect

La Porcha was out of excuses and time, so both she and Claiborne practiced their presentations for the gala. Claiborne will be this year's returning mentee talking about his experience with the 100BMC and how it impacted him. La Porcha will be one of two

MC's presenting the guests of honor. Claiborne was encouraged to hold the podium to avoid his repetitive hand gestures, and La Porcha was encouraged to make eye contact with the audience.



Cooking Class

The 100 BMC Mentees met up at Kennedy King College's state of the art culinary school kitchen for a cooking lesson, from 100 BMC Mentor and Member, Chef Paul the owner of Alter EatGo. The menu consisted of chicken pizza, spaghetti, salad and raisin cookies. The mentees were hands on from beginning to end. Not only did they learn how to prepare a quick and easy meal, but Chef Paul also explained to the mentees the many opportunities available for culinary experts.

Comments at the 23rd Annual 100 Black Men of America Conference

"There is an enormous achievement and opportunity gap impacting African-America youth as it relates to grade level education and higher education opportunities. This year's record setting conference tackled these issues from a global perspective, finding solutions to educating our young men and women and directing our members to act and inspire others to act on the solutions discussed," Chairman of the 100 Black Men of America, Inc., Al Dotson, Jr., Esq. Secretary Duncan praised the work of the international organization starting with his appreciation of the work being done by the Chicago chapter which he became familiar with during his tenure as CEO of Chicago public schools. "This is why I am such a big fan of what the 100 Black Men are doing around the country," said Secretary Duncan. "When our children have the opportunity to be surrounded by adults that care passionately about them and stick with them for the long haul, they will do fantastic."



From left to right, Board Chair, John Kendall, Sec of Education Arne Duncan, Board Member, Craig Gilmore, Chapter President, Jeff Jackson, and Miles Christian, Central IL chapter

2009 Heritage Bowl



This year's Heritage bowl was hosted by member Orthopedic Surgeon Dr. Brian Coleman at Chicago State University. Contestants from Hales Franciscan High School: Ryan Greenlaw and LeJohn Montgomery coached by Useni Perkins were defeated by contestants from Gwendolyn Brooks High School: Denise Ford-El and Daniel Velasco coached by Hubert Jackson. Our coaching consultants Barb Christopher and Diane Bukovsky were also in attendance. The performance of the Gwendolyn Brooks team makes the 100 Black Men of Chicago a very, very, very strong contender for winning at nationals in New York. Thanks to this year's sponsor State Farm we should compete well

"The Need for Clothes and other goods doesn't stop after the Holidays. Especially in This Economy Continue to Give your Time and Financial Support!"



100 Black Men of Chicago's 12th Annual Benefit Awards Ceremony

Again 100BMC's mentees did a tremendously good job in conducting the Annual Benefits Award Ceremony. At 6:00pm the mentees were ready, making their first appearance at the cocktail reception and silent auction where they mixed and mingled with our corporate sponsors. Everyone looked really dapper in their tuxedos and evening dresses. At 7:00pm the guests began to arrive and our mentees were introduced and recognized for their many accomplishments over the past year. In the picture below from left to right flanked by 100BMC's Board Chair John S. Kendall, ESQ and President Jeffrey L. Jackson are this years distinguished Honorees Cheryle R. Jackson President and CEO of the venerable Chicago Urban League. She is the only female to hold the position in its 92-year history. Timuel Black revered and highly respected educator, political activist, community leader, oral historian and philosopher. He is a pioneer in the independent black political movement and coined the phrase "plantation politics." Stephanie D. Neely, is the Treasurer of the City of Chicago with more than 20 years of financial services experience with leading investment banking institutions. A former vice president at Northern Trust Global Investments. Finally, Jerry "Iceman" Butler is currently serving his sixth four-year term as a Cook County Board Member. In combination with his political career, Jerry Butler is an award winning performer, producer and composer. He has enjoyed over 45 years in the music industry starting with the Impressions.



Member Highlight (Eric Meredith)



Last year Alter EstGo (<http://www.AlterEatGo.com>) a health conscious meal delivery catering service won the 2008 City Treasures Business Plan Award. Member Eric Meredith known as Chef Eric Paul started his business to provide healthy meals to African Americans and other minorities at affordable prices. He delivers meals within a 20-mile radius of Chicago. Options range from stir-fry to salad; even healthy pizza. He says the business really began as a way to service the African American community. Many of Chief Eric Paul's customers are busy professionals and athletes. The dish shown to the right can serve 12 and consist of turkey sausage, picante chorizo sausage, skinless chicken breast, shrimp, crab claws, mussels.. "Stop, Now I'm hungry."





This was the busiest period for the organization with several mentoring, health and wellness, and education activities all taking place during April through to June.

Under our partnership with Kaplan and Lynnette Boone, we completed another 100BMC sponsored ACT prep sequence that lasted 13 weeks leading up to the National ACT test and Illinois Prairie state test. Students who participate in our ACT prep generally improve their scores by 5-6 points or a 35% increase.



Upcoming Events and Activities

- 8/3 —Kaplan ACT Workshops
- 8/2009 — Fast Track College Workshops
- 8/2009—Summer Member Reunion
- 9/2009—Mentoring Program Start-ups
- 10/17—100BMC College Scholarship Fair

Chicago State University hosted our African American History Challenge competition, the winner this year was Gwendolyn Brooks High School’s Denise Ford-El and Daniel Velasco coached by Hubert Jackson. They competed at the National level in New York with the help of Barb Christopher and Diane Bukovsky reaching the semifinals.

This year the 100BMC helped sponsor and participate in the 12th annual “Men’s health fair” at Provident Hospital under the direction of 100BMC member and Chief Medical Officer at Provident Hospital Dr. Aaron Hamb, and Dee Clayton. Our mentees and members helped guide over 260 visitors and served lunch during Q&A with 100BMC member and Chicago Health Commissioner Dr. Terry Mason.

In mentoring we covered a multitude of topics this year: an online stock trading game, and business plan competition, Chef Paul hosted a cooking class, Members and entrepreneurs Tyrone Thompson and Albert Demming taught a career planning session, we met with the AKA’s for a domestic violence discussion, mentees practiced public speaking for the gala, and Jamie Lowe hosted a sexual health session. We had fun too, in April the mentees were treated to box seats at a Chicago Bulls game care of Dr. Smith. Later that month we returned with 60 mentees and parents for a Harlem Globetrotters exhibition game thanks to Craig Gilmore and State Farm. Mentoring ended with a trip to the carnival for the mentees and parents, and our hardest working mentees were treated to an all expense paid trip to New York City for the annual 100 Black Men’s National convention. Finally, the members and mentees helped set up and serve hundreds number of people at Real Men Cook on Father’s day weekend.

Sincerely,

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2009 Up-Coming College Preparedness Events

Complete Preparation for The ACT

In collaboration with KAPLAN Test Prep and Admissions 100BMC offers High School Students Kaplan ACT work shops; starting August 3rd. **Link below.**

Fast Track College Work Shops

Be prepared to talk to college recruiters, attend scholarship fairs with an edge over the competition. Have everything necessary, well prepared and polished to get admitted with get funding. **Come to the 100 Black Men of Chicago’s College Scholarship Fair this October 17th** with the goal of getting full funding with your merit and hard work. Students, parents, educators and community leaders sign yourself or your youth into an intense preparation that will enhance your chance of getting into college. Starts this August. Look for Fast Track College Work Shops. **Link Below.**

<http://www.100bmc.org/Kaplan.htm>

