



Collaborate to Educate Our Sons Newsletter

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CEOS IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ Every Friday at 12pm EST - Noon Prayer Power Hour for Boys and Young Men - Telephone number: 1-712-832-8310, Access code 1858012#



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Constructive Contributors

MISSION:

Facilitating Communities of Contributors for Constructive Action

CORE VALUES:

Character, Faith, Service, Community, Truth



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Did you miss the CEOS 8th Anniversary Virtual Prayer Breakfast on September 23, 2016?

You still have an opportunity to hear the message at the following link: <http://iTeleseminar.com/59920779>

CEOS 4th Annual Banquet

The Collaborate to Educate Our Son's (CEOS) 8th Anniversary Celebration of Hope and Inspiration got off to an excellent start on Thursday, September 22, 2016, with the *4th Annual Awards and Fundraising Banquet*. It was once again held at the Key Bridge Marriott in Arlington, Virginia, where the ballroom provided panoramic views of Georgetown and the Washington, D.C. skyline. The banquet theme, *"The Mind: The Most Potent Weapon - Use It Constructively,"* continues to speak a timeless truth that is particularly relevant to the present climate in our country and our world.

Emcee, Ms. Jacquie Gales Webb, graciously set the pace and provided leadership for the banquet. After Mr. Chris Daley welcomed everyone, both Mr. Richard and Mrs. Tai Mei Gordon reminded those present of the reason for the occasion. Mr. Karnik Doukmetzian gave the invocation prayer. Not only did the Psalmist, Mr. Duawne Starling, provide several beautiful and melodious musical selections throughout the evening, but he also gave us the story and the writing process behind his music, as well as how he has been able to overcome many of life's challenges through music.

Dr. Bertram L. Melbourne, CEOS Founder, gave an overview and update on the CEOS organization. He emphasized the important and vital role that relationships have in transformation both at societal and individual levels. As it specifically relates to boys and young men, he noted that "if we can get young men to have four caring relationships in their lives, it could have an immediate transforming effect on their behavioral outcome." Dr. Melbourne and CEOS are committed to helping ensure boys and young men have "the requisite relationships in their lives that keep them safe and harness their potential for the future."

Those present were also in for a special musical treat during the delicious dinner when the gifted Mr. Roger Greenidge performed Steel Pan music.

The *Keynote Speaker* was *Mr. Robert Jackson*, former NFL and Minnesota Vikings player, now a consultant and motivational speaker. Mr. Jackson's address was titled, "What They See is What They Will Be." He challenged parents, mentors, and all those who have the opportunity to impact the lives of boys and young men to *be* the positive examples we want them to emulate. This includes being present in their lives, as well as speaking positivity into their lives and praying for and with them. He demonstrated this at the conclusion of his address by asking the fathers and men present to form a circle, lock arms, and pray for the boys and young men present at the banquet.

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Mr. Robert Jackson, Keynote Speaker



Fathers & Men Forming Circle of Protection Around Young Men






CEOS Announces Scholarship Winners

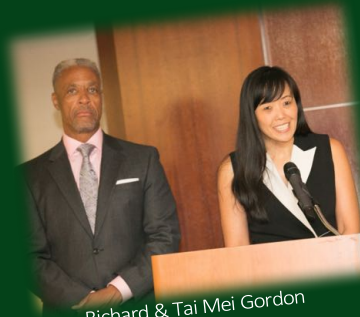
The results of CEOS'2016 Essay Contest are in! Thanks to all those who submitted their essays and special thanks to the special folks who adjudicated the process. As we did last year, themes were chosen and contestants were asked to produce an original essay/poem based on one of the given themes. Again, entries came in from around the world. A team of educators were assigned the task of evaluating the entries and selecting the winners.

When the process was completed, three winning essays emerged from Jamaica, Kenya, and the United States. Please join us in congratulating **Rhodric Rubin**, **Fabian Charlton**, and **Mauki Mwenda Kenfrey!** We wish them success and God's richest blessings as they pursue their studies to ultimately make contributions to God's cause on earth and get ready for the great school of the hereafter.

Meanwhile, keep your eyes open and watchful for the announcement of the 2017 Essay/Poetry Scholarship competition. 



Emcee Jacquie Gales Webb



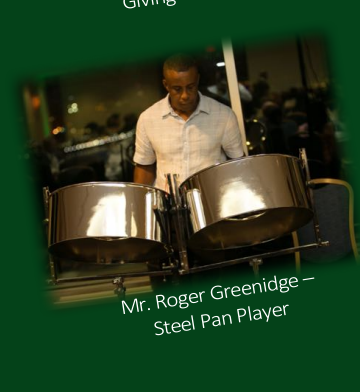
Richard & Tai Mei Gordon
CEOS Vice Chairs
(The Occasion)



Duawne Starling – Psalmist



Dr. Bertram Melbourne –
Giving CEOS Report




Mr. Roger Greenidge –
Steel Pan Player

CEOS 4th Annual Banquet

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The presentation of awards and scholarships were part of the second half of the program. The award honorees were: Dr. Winsome Gordon – Bridge Builder International; Mr. Robert Jackson – Bridge Builder; Corporal Stephen Pacheco – Community Service Award; and UMAC/Tutoring Café – Bridge Builder Corporate Award. Scholarship honorees were Rhodric Rubin, Fabian Charlton, and Mauki Mwenda Kenfrey. The heartwarming special pinning ceremony followed with fathers pinning their sons and mentors pinning their mentees. A distinctive feature of this year's banquet was the opportunity for single mothers who father their sons to pin them. Also, as an extra special gift, all young men who were in attendance received a signed copy of Mr. Jackson's book, *No More Excuses: Black Men Stand Up!*

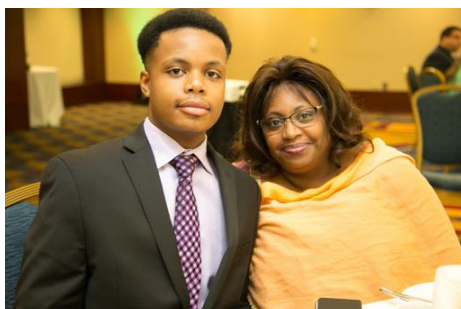
Mrs. Myrtle Gallow, Chair of the Banquet Committee, gave the acknowledgements, including the announcement of the winning bids for those who participated in the silent auction – a first for the CEOS Banquet. Rev. Fred Lee closed the evening's celebration with a prayer of thanksgiving for such an inspirational and joyous celebration, and a benediction for the year and work ahead as we continue to Collaborate to Educate Our Sons. 



Dr. Weymouth
Spence
pinning his son
Weymouth, II



Dr. Melbourne & Mrs. Gallow
After pinning Versean Vernon
A Mentee of Dr. Melbourne



Last year's High School Scholarship winner,
Nicholas Bahimba and his mother, Debra



Meet the 2016 Awardees

Each year as I travel the country and the world, I meet so many people committed to mentoring young men to change the directions of their lives. CEOS is committed to acknowledging this most important work that most often goes unnoticed and thus unrecognized. This year, we are pleased to have been able to acknowledge four honorees for “paying it forward” to help this generation and generations to come. They, like others, have given of their time, talent, and resources to help young men and boys plan a future that is different from their past. As we recognize their work, we want to inspire you, our readers, to join them in this most important and overlooked area of work.

The three individual honorees for 2016 are: Dr. Winsome Gordon, Mr. Robert Jackson, and Corporal Stephen Pacheco, Jr. The fourth award went to an organization—UMAC/Tutoring Café through its founder and CEO, Juan Davis.

MR. ROBERT JACKSON was bullied and mistreated as a youth because of his stand against participating in unlawful activities. He often arrived at school shaken and bloodied without a query from teachers or administrators. Through hard work, determination, participation in sports, faith in God and attention to academics he slowly but surely changed his circumstances. Drafted by the Minnesota Vikings his NFL Career was short lived due to a major injury but not his life’s goal. He turned to teaching and has had a successful career as teacher, consultant, author, motivator and mentor.

Mr. Jackson is married to “TJ” Butler and together they have three children. He mentors over 200 young men and women. He is a graduate of Western Kentucky University with a B.S in Industrial Technology

CEOS salutes Mr. Jackson for the outstanding leadership he has offered to, role model he has been for, and change agent he has for children generally and boys in particular. “His passion for issues facing young men is contagious and his efforts are tireless.”

DR. WINSOME GORDON, OD, J.P. is truly an international figure who has had a tremendous impact on the world in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Europe and India. After training and initial work in her homeland of Jamaica, Dr. Gordon completed her terminal degree and returned to work in the Ministry of Education as an Assistant Chief Education Officer in charge of Planning Research and Statistics.

She later joined the staff of the National Planning Institute from which vantage point she came in contact with and was invited to join UNESCO and spent the next twenty years impacting Africa, Asia, Europe and the Caribbean especially in education for girls and women.

Dr. Gordon returned to Jamaica in 2008 and was recruited to serve as a leader in the National Education System Transformation Program. It was from this vantage point that she began to advocate for the education of boys in Jamaica to redress their under-education issues—initiating programs to facilitate their education. With her colleagues she worked with teachers identify and remove obstacles that undermined the effectiveness of teachers and to understand how to engage boys in the learning process since “teachers are at the core of education for all.”

Presently, Dr. Gordon is the Chief Executive Officer of the Jamaica Teaching Council. She is intent on her purpose of making transformation of boys a national priority and on doing all to see its accomplishment.

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Mr. Winsome Gordon
Bridge Builder International
Award Honoree
with
Dr. & Mrs. Melbourne



Mr. Robert Jackson
Bridge Builder Award Honoree
with
Dr. & Mrs. Melbourne



Corporal Stephen Pacheco
Community Service Award Honoree
with
Dr. & Mrs. Melbourne



Mr. Juan Davis – UMAC/Tutoring Café
with
Dr. Melbourne
Bridge Builder Corporate Award Honoree



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A Request to Pray

One of CEOS' original objectives was to have a prayer chain that would circle the globe. The opportune moment has come for us to implement that objective. Below, please find a prayer we are choosing to call the "Link Prayer." We invite you to pray that prayer with us and to send it to **at least ten friends** inviting them, wherever they are in the world, to join us in praying that prayer with us **especially at noon EST on Fridays**. Please ask each one to whom you send the prayer to send it to ten others who will in turn send it to ten others to keep the link unbroken and going to keep our sons prayed up. Please copy the below prayer and send it to ten others right now. Will you?

Link Prayer – Please Send Me Today! 😊

Dear God, thank you for blessing me with health, strength, ability, and great possibility. Thank you for family, friends, teachers, and mentors. Please bring peace to our world.

Lord, today I ask you to especially bless the men and boys in my family and in the world. Help them make right choices in life. Help us to truly care and them to see that we do care about them and that their lives matter. Help us facilitate their developing caring relationships in their lives with parents, mentors, teachers and other significant persons knowing the difference it will make. Grant them the strength and will power it will take to choose right over wrong; love over hate, the good over the expedient; education over ignorance and peace over strife. Open our hearts to support these goals for all people.

Lord, hear our prayer and make a difference in the lives of young men and boys we pray. Amen!



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A CALL TO ACTION!

CEOS is planning an exciting 2017 for its clientele! We plan to have workshops that will not only make a difference but will transform lives and relationships. We plan to expand our reach at home and abroad. We plan to hire someone who can give day-to-day supervision of the affairs of the organization and move it to greater heights. Yet, all this cannot be possible without YOU. We need your input and assistance. ***As you plan your yearend giving, we request that you include CEOS in your giving plans.*** Our boys and young men need your help. Help CEOS to help them. And, remember ***your giving can make you a charter member of CEOS.*** More information is listed below in the table.

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