



Collaborate to Educate Our Sons Newsletter

CEOS – Praying for and mentoring youth towards greater academic achievements.

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CEOS IMPORTANT DATES

❖ Every Friday at 12pm EST - Noon Prayer Power Hour for Boys and Young Men - Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:
<https://zoom.us/j/8782598330>
Or by telephone at
Dial: +1 408 638 0968 (US Toll) or +1 646 558 8656 (US Toll)
Meeting ID: 878 259 8330

❖ October 09-11, 2020 – CEOS 11th Anniversary Weekend
○ October 9, 2020, 8:30 am – Virtual Prayer Breakfast
○ October 09-11, 2020 – Services in Mosques, Synagogues and Churches
○ October 11, 2020, 5:00 pm – CEOS 8th Gala & Awards Celebration



VISION:

Reaching balance to strengthen the global community

MISSION:

Helping Youth Achieve Their Full Potential

CORE VALUES:

Character, Faith, Service, Trust



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Dr. Mentor Talks About the Power of Mentoring

Q: What's mentoring all about? What do you give, and what do you get?

A: Mentoring is about:

- people helping youth to succeed
- the importance of ensuring that youth are connected with positive role models
- folks who care about others and volunteer to establish a trusting relationship with young people
- a deliberate relationship with modest time requirements
- a comprehensive screening and training process with successful outcomes

Q: What do mentors do with youth?

A: Mentors are caring adults—they do not have to have a background in teaching or youth development to be a good mentor. They just have to care and be good listeners, offering support and encouragement.

Mentors and youth can decide what they are going to do each time they meet. Some ideas:

- reading a book together
- flying a kite
- playing basketball in the gymnasium and discussing the latest sports scene
- working on an arts and crafts project
- working on the computer
- writing a resume
- reading the want ads
- learning a musical instrument
- studying a foreign language
- discussing career options or plans for after high school

Q: Why should I mentor? What do I give, and what do I get?

A: Young people who are matched with mentors benefit greatly. They:

- improve their self-confidence
- improve their attitudes
- increase their interest in staying in school
- improve relationships with peers and families
- are less likely to get involved in drugs and alcohol abuse and delinquent behavior

Mentoring benefits the mentors as much if not more than the mentees. Mentors report that they:

- improve their morale
- learn more about themselves
- improve their own values
- get a fresh perspective on their lives
- feel more satisfied

Mentoring is a sound investment in our future. Mentoring pays off.

Q: Will you make a good mentor? Questions to ask yourself.

A: There are many qualities good mentors possess. Yet two stand out as being more important than the rest. The first is a commitment of time. If a mentor makes a time commitment to a youth, it is important to keep that agreement. When a reliable mentor shows up when they are supposed to, you are providing youth with the consistency and dependability that is often lacking in their lives. "No shows" are not allowed. Yet mentoring is flexible, and programs have built in procedures to notify youth when a mentor is unable to make a scheduled meeting and vice versa.

The other quality is patience. Often a mentor eagerly wants to observe dramatic results overnight in a youth as a result of their involvement and efforts. But it sometimes takes much longer than overnight to begin to see positive results. Patience is a virtue in mentoring! In addition to commitment of time and patience, good mentors agree to on-going training and support from program staff. Mentors are:

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**2020 Black Month
Theme:
“African Americans
and the Vote”**



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SAVE THE DATE!

June

15th - CEOS First Annual
Golf Tournament
Lake Presidential Golf
Course: Registration @
7:30 a.m. Tee Off @ 9 am

August

31st – Due date for entries
for CEOS 2020 Essay
Contest

October

09-11th - CEOS 2020
Anniversary Weekend of
Hope and Inspiration
11th – 5 p.m. – **CEOS 8th**
Annual Banquet



ANNOUNCING CEOS 2020 ESSAY/POETRY SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Collaborate to Educate Ours Sons (CEOS) is pleased to announce its 2020 Essay Contest for scholarships for the 2020/2021 Academic year. At least three scholarships will be awarded to sophomore, junior, or senior males in High School, Vocational School, College and/or Seminary. Two of the four scholarships will be exclusively for African Americans. These scholarships are for tuition support to assist young men to achieve their goal of graduation from college/seminary.

ELIGIBILITY

Entrants must be high school, vocational school, college or seminary sophomore, junior or senior young men

CONTEST INSTRUCTIONS

In 1,000-1,250 words, write an original essay discussing the themes in one of the following topics OR write an original poem addressing the themes reflected in one of these topics:

1. For all, the efforts that have been expanded to integrate our society, we continue to experience racial unrest and a depreciation of cultural diversity. What would do to alleviate this plague, build bridges of understanding, foster peace and enhance cooperative relations among all people groups? How can institutions of higher learning help in this process?
2. The verdict is out on the value of embryonic stem cell research. While some scientists see it as a means of providing the means of fighting and eliminating some debilitating diseases, some see it as wrong and as unethical, given the value of life. What is your position on the issue? Present a strong case in its defense or one to negate its use.
3. There has been much debate surrounding global warming. Some call the underlying research supporting it pseudoscience while others see it as strong scientific evidence. How would you argue this topic? Do you see evidence to support or deny it? Is global warming a global dilemma that is real and that all have an obligation to address or is it an attention catching alarm that is fake that all should ignore as a liberal overreach? Take a position and thoughtfully defend your position.
4. Sustainable urban living without the use of excessive natural resources must be our future. As a young person, what are your thoughts about this issue? If you had the opportunity to speak to the President and to the congress on this issue, what would be your thoughts and recommendations?
5. The press on marijuana has been divided. Some cite evidence of young minds that have been destroyed by its use.

Some are convinced that its medical values far outweigh any damage that might be created in society based on its legalization. What are your views on the matter? Construct a letter you would send to your members of Congress outlining your views and the position you think they should take on the legalization issue.

HOW TO ENTER

- Essays should be submitted via email in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) format by 11:59pm EST on August 31, 2020, to: essays@collaboratetoeducate.org.
- The 2020 essay winners will be notified in mid-October 2020 and will be printed in the CEOS Newsletter thereafter
- Prizes will be awarded on October 11, 2020.
- Please visit the CEOS website at: collaboratetoeducate.org for complete application information and for additional information.

PRIZES

High School Winner: \$1200 for Tuition
College Winner: \$2000 for Tuition
Vocational Winner: \$1500 for Tuition
Seminary Winner: \$2000 for Tuition



CEOS Link Prayer (Boys & Young Men)

Dear God: Thank you for blessing me with health, strength, ability and awesome possibilities. Thank you for caring family and friends. Lord: Please expand my territory as you did for Jabez. Grant me the strength to always make right choices, develop caring relationships and live in peace.

Lord: Hear my prayer; make a difference in my life and bring peace to our world. Amen!

(Please help this prayer on its way to circle the globe and reach at least 1,000,000 boys and young men)

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Dr. Mentor Talks About the Power of Mentoring, Cont'd

- good listeners
- confidential in all matters relating to their mentee
- tolerant, non-judgmental
- reliable
- consistent

They also:

- possess good communication skills
- do not interfere with program policies and procedures
- have a good sense of humor
- like kids

Mentoring programs today follow quality guidelines, standards of excellence in mentoring. Each prospective mentor goes through a selection process in order to be chosen for this worthwhile and honored role. It includes, at a minimum, completion of an application to become a mentor, employment reference checks, an inquiry about a mentor's interests, character reference and a criminal background check. Some programs require proof of outstanding driving records and a check with the child abuse registry. These procedures begin a process to match interested individuals with youth who are waiting for your support.

Where does the mentoring take place?

You may be able to select from settings such as at a workplace, school, faith-based setting, and juvenile correction facility, community setting or e-mentoring, as examples.

What is the required time commitment for the mentoring?

Some programs require one hour each week or four hours per month whereas other programs may suggest several hours each week. Further, what is the length of the commitment?

Adapted from an article in the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

For the full article see, <https://sites.sph.harvard.edu/wmy/dr-mentor/>

Why Black History Month?

The old adage is still relevant—Failure to learn from the past only results in repeating it. Also, ignorance of history allows revisions to go unnoticed and unchallenged, as we have seen before our very eyes. Black History Month offers an opportunity to do what God told Israel to do so their history and laws would not only become riveted in their minds but be passed on to future generations. They were to learn it, teach it their children and put it in their mouths. Black History Month gives us the opportunity to learn things and not only will sharing it be beneficial for our children and their children, but it will reinforce it for us too.

Do you know Black History Month was first Negro History Week and was first celebrated in 1926 after its conceptualization by Carter G. Woodson? He planned it for the second week in February for it to fall between the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass who fought against Slavery. By 1929, it got increased support as teachers, educators and churches began lending support. Soon after, the media and progressive whites began lending support. Soon it became national as mayors of cities and towns began making it a local holiday. The Civil Rights movement of the sixties gave it a big boost so that by 1968 teachers and students of Kent State University in Ohio proposed making it a month-long celebration. There was great support for the idea and the first Black History Month was celebrated in 1970.

In 1976, President Ford gave official recognition to Black History Month. That year its 50th anniversary coincided with the Bicentennial of the US. He seized the opportunity to give it national recognition. Since then, it has spread to the UK, Canada, Ireland, some Caribbean Islands, among others. People must know the history and contributions of Blacks. Can you imagine the chaos that would ensue worldwide if for a week in February there was a ban on use of all Black inventions? Imagine life without blood transfusion, heart surgery, electric lamp bulbs, traffic lights, refrigeration, air conditioning, baby buggies, curtain rods, clothes dryers, and their support, door knobs, elevators, fire escape ladders, fire extinguishers, hair brush, guitars, mail box, spark plugs, thermostat controls, stethoscopes, peanut butter, mops, golf tees, ironing board, to name a few. We have history and contributions of which we can and must be proud. It is worth tooting from the mountaintops. Let's neither forget it nor take it for granted. Repeat it to yourself for your edification. Tell it to your children and others so it can be remembered and be available for posterity.

As we celebrate this year, let's remember the significant theme, "African Americans and the vote." It is relevant and germane. It is timely for it comes in 2020 the 150th anniversary of the Fifteenth Amendment (1870) that gave Blacks (men) the right to vote and the centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment and women's suffrage. Here is another historical feature that we must not take for granted by not voting. There was a time when we did not have it and there are yet forces that are doing all in their powers to take it away from some and to disenfranchise others. Let us learn from the past and preserve our gains! Black History Month is vital, and everything should be done to immortalize it.

Some ideas for this article were gleaned from chiff.com and from Patricia (Facy Staff)

<https://facy.com/network/answers/culture/what-is-the-history-behind-black-history-month/1/>

Save the Date



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October 09-11, 2020

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– CEOS Gala & Awards
Celebration

"Mentoring boys is to be preferred above trying to mend men," blm



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NOON PRAYER EACH FRIDAY

Join us on Fridays at 12 noon EST for our Noon Power Hour for Boys and Young Men.

We are praying that God will double the number of young men who graduate from college by 2031.

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://zoom.us/j/8782598330>

Or by telephone at

Dial: +1 408 638 0968 (US Toll) or

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Dear God, thank you for blessing me with caring family. Thank you for the males in my family, especially the boys and young men. Please bring peace to our world.

Lord, today I ask you to especially bless the men and boys in our 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!

Dear Friend: Please share me with ten of your friends and ask them to share with ten of their friends to keep me going. I want to circle the globe. Will you help me?



CEOS Holds 1st MLK Service Day

On February 20, 2020 volunteers marshalled by Collaborate to Educate Our Sons (CEOS) gathered on the campus of Howard University Hospital (HUH). The group included officers of CEOS, Musicians, Chaplains from HUH, Students of Howard University School of Divinity, Leaders and young men from Greater Mount Calvary Holy Church, Leaders and Pathfinders from the Rockville SDA Church, Leaders and young men from Metropolitan SDA Church, and other supporters of CEOS.

The group visited two wards and played songs for the patients, while young men shared what MLK means to them. Following this there was a program in the Freemans Auditorium for participants, staff and whosoever will. Young men shared their testimonies of what Dr. Martin Luther King means to them today. We had a power pack presentation from Pastor Willie Grandberry, beautiful prayers and heavenly music. Musicians included Stephen Benson, Michael Bohman, Dr. Lennard Jack, Fitz Mason, Enkosi Plummer, Kerrian Wanga. The program was emceed by Rev. Michael Dickerson, Senior Chaplain and Manager of the Chaplaincy program of HUH. It was indeed a wonderful experience.

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Golf Tournament & Scholarship Fundraiser

June 15, 2020

Lake Presidential Golf Course

3151 Presidential Golf Drive

Upper Marlboro, MD 20774



\$140 per person Entry Fee includes:

Green fees, Cart, Range

Balls, Gift Bag, Continental

Breakfast and Lunch

7:30-8:45AM Registration/Putting Green Opens

9:00AM Tee-Off/ Shot Gun Start

Register at collaboratetoeducate.org

Come play with our favorite politicians, athletes and celebrities while making an investment in **4** your youth. Go to collaboratetoeducate.org for sponsorship opportunities and additional details.