

THE CARROLL F.S. HARDY

National Black Student Leadership Conference Newsletter

Developing Our Strengths...Developing Our Strategies

ROLES ○ RESPONSIBILITIES ○ REALITIES

On January 16 - 19, 1997, student leaders from colleges and universities across the country gathered in Richmond, Virginia, to attend the Carroll F.S. Hardy Black Student Leadership Conference. They came from as far as Arizona State University and as near as the University of Richmond for a weekend of education, networking, enlightenment, and even entertainment.

"I came to the conference to provide myself with inspiration through networking with other students who have experienced or are experiencing some of the same obstacles I currently face," said Patrick Thompson, sophomore.

The three-day conference was packed with a variety of workshops and speakers that were enjoyed by all. "**Sister Soulijah's** underlying theme of 'I is we' helped me become more sympathetic to the organizations on my campus," said Thompson. "I now understand that the effect Lynchburg College organizations have on the campus and the community is an indirect reflection of me."

Sophomore Kelli Rainey said she enjoyed the motivating words of **Charles Barron**. "He did a session on Ebonics and told me the facts. Now I have a whole new outlook on the situation."

There was more to this conference than just sharing information, however. On Friday evening **Shelia Copeland**, author of *Chocolate Star*, read from her works as did **Stacey Lyn Evans**, author of *Real Soul Food & Other Poetic Recipes*. **Maritri Garrett**, **Shana Tucker**, and

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-Patrick Thompson
Lynchburg College

"I will live in the abundance" repeated Kelvin Boston, author of *Smart Money Moves for African Americans*. He opened the conference by discussing the path to success and independence.



Karla Scott also graced the assembly with live music. After the students put away their business attire, they swayed to the beat of Reggae, R&B, and Hip Hop music as fraternities and sororities stepped and party hopped across the dance floor.

The spiritual sounds of the All-Conference Choir, directed by **Rev. Stefan Bailey** of Lynchburg College, was also a big hit.

Bailey said, "Not only did I enjoy the different activities offered at this magnificent conference, but I also enjoyed working with different schools and seeing them come together for one common good."

"I Learned that when a large group of intellectual black males and females assemble, positive results occur," said Tim Beaty of Hampden Sydney College. "You also feel a sense of pride and self-satisfaction because you know that you are among some of the most elite African Americans in the United States and one day you will make a difference in the

Black community." ○

"In America it's not about what you earn, it's about what you own." - Kelvin Boston

Conference Reflections From Keynote Speakers

Clifton

Taulbert, author:

Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored -

"As you make this mad dash toward your educational goals and you find yourself in a position of prominence, if you fail to make time for the people that are on the way you will have missed part of the legacy that you are to leave behind."



Clifton Taulbert as portrayed in the motion picture *Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored*



Dr. Jocelyn Elders

"I feel that every parent has a right to raise their children as they see fit. But I feel that there are many children who do not have parents who are able to teach them and they must be taught at the only institution we've got where all the children go, and that's school."

-Dr. Jocelyn Elders,
former Surgeon General

"Being African has nothing to do with the way you wear your hair or the way you dress. It is a mentality; the way you think and the way you live."

-Sister Soulijah, activist and author; *No Disrespect*



SHARING POWER & POSITION IN A NEW MILLENNIUM will be the theme for the **12th Carroll F.S. Hardy National Black Student Leadership Conference, January 8 - 11, 1997, at the Richmond Marriott.** Prepare to reserve your place as keynote speakers will include *Dr. Na'im Akbar, Dr. Derrick Bell, Kim Coles, Rev. Suzan Johnson Cook Ph.D, Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu,* and many others. We hope to see you there!

Check out the National Black Student Leadership Conference On-Line

<http://www.tez.net/~defall/slhc.htm>



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"...throughout the world the impact of Black popular culture has been unprecedented in its ability to allow the world a prism on to liberatory and emancipatory energies. Quests for freedom narratives of liberation are grounded in often, or rooted in the African American popular culture which is itself shaped by and fashioned by young Black people. Young Black

people who without much opportunity to explore or express their potential have nonetheless, against the odds, made a way out of no way." ○



Michael Eric Dyson, author;
Race Rules

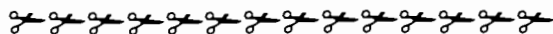
"We've got to have a useable past and a useful history. To be inspired by those that came before us, but not limited by them or their accomplishments." - *Michael Eric Dyson*

A Conference Love Story

The Carroll F.S. Hardy Black Student Leadership Conference is not just for college students. The attendees also include professors and professionals from all fields. The common link with students is they have all come to sharpen their leadership skills, learn new skills, educate themselves on how to be and remain successful in all endeavors, and meet new people. Besides networking, people often make new friends and acquaintances. Some even find love.

Bernard Jones met his wife, Karen Jones, at the Carroll F.S. Hardy Black Student Leadership Conference in 1991. The theme for that year was "The Talented 10 and Beyond." At the time Bernard was attending Fairmont State College in West Virginia while Karen was attending Radford University in Radford, Virginia.

Both had attended past conferences in 1989 and 1990 but this conference was different. After the '91 conference Bernard and Karen dated for four years, and on February 3, 1996, they married. Now Bernard is a special education teacher at JEB Stuart Elementary School, part of the Richmond public school system. Karen is a registered nurse at MCV hospital in Richmond. Though both are professionals they continue to attend the conference today. The information they gather is used in their daily lives, on their jobs developing programs, networking with other people, and in their church. ○



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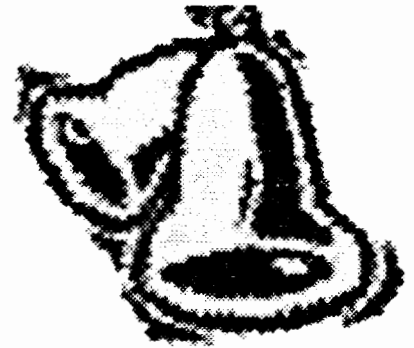
Five Conference Tips

Compiled by Bernard and Karen Jones

- D Network and be marketable.
- D Ask yourself, "What type of impact am I making?"
- D Get involved and make a difference.
- D Use what you learn not only in school but in your daily life
- D Utilize all resources and people.

Dear Dr. Hardy;

We would like to thank you so much for creating the Black Student Leadership Conference. It has made a tremendous difference in our lives. The information we obtained and continue to gather is used in our jobs and daily lives. We just want you to know that when we attended the 1991 conference, "Talented 10 and Beyond," we were about business more than pleasure. We realize, and hope others do too, that you really care about the future leaders of tomorrow. In return may they show you their gratitude through their accomplishments proving that attending this conference really does make a difference.



Thank you,
Bernard and Karen Jones

"Unselfish living is the way of life even in the new millennium." - Clifton Talbutt

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CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT IN NEED

Anthony R. LaGroone, a junior Lynchburg College religious studies and sociology major and a participant in the 1997 Carroll F.S. Hardy National Black Student Leadership Conference, has been diagnosed with chronic myeloid leukemia. Anthony is the past president of the Lynchburg College Gospel Ensemble and former program coordinator for the Young Champions, a master partnership program with Lynchburg City Schools which provides mentoring and enrichment activities for third- and fourth-grade Black males at R.S. Payne Elementary School. Anthony and his wife, Kimberly, have a three-year-old son, Alexander (A.J.). Without sufficient health insurance, the family is facing mounting bills from doctors' visits, medication, and treatment, as well as routine living expenses.

Those wishing to make contributions to help Anthony and his family may send them to the LC Cares Fund, c/o Chaplains Office. Please indicate that the gift is for Anthony. Thank you! ○

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"I means we - we have to all be in this together especially in an African society." - Sister Soulijah