

2011 “Striving for Success” Registration Packet

On Wednesday, August 24, 2011 three community based organizations that represent North Omaha will be collaborating to host the second Annual “Striving for Success” summit to be held on the campus of Creighton University at the Harper Center, 602 N. 20th Street. These agencies that administer programs in youth development include: The Urban League of Nebraska, 100 Black Men of Omaha, and the African-American Empowerment Network.

The purpose of the day long summit will be to motivate African-American 9th grade males to pursue excellence in education and will receive presentations from local experts in the areas of: Education, Business, Health, Faith, Money & Finance and the Justice System This audience is being targeted because they have been identified as being at-risk for failing to graduate from high school, being under employed and over-represented in the criminal justice system. Also, this event will serve as a fundraiser for the four agencies that are providing much needed services that will have a direct impact on reversing this trend.

With the support of the Omaha Public Schools District, and the cooperation of these organizations, we feel that this event will serve as a catalyst to improve behavior and the academic achievement of these young men so that they can become productive citizens and future leaders in our community.

Presenting Darrell Armstrong Summit Keynote:



Mr. Armstrong is a native of Los Angeles, California where he was born and raised. He has resided in New Jersey since 1995 when he moved from Northern California to pursue ministerial/seminary training.

Mr. Armstrong holds his undergraduate degree in Public Policy from Stanford University and a Masters in Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. In addition to being a father, husband and pastor, the Mr. Armstrong is a civic leader, a grassroots community organizer, and a child welfare/family strengthening advocate. Lastly, the Mr. Armstrong is the author of two books: “*Snapshots of a Foster Child: Past, Present & Future*, (a book chronicling his and his family’s involvement in Los Angeles Child Protective Services) and “*The Scent of Water: Reflections on Hope, Inspiration, and Resilience*”.

Coordinating Agencies:



Urban League of
Nebraska

“Empowering Communities. Changing Lives.”

The Urban League of Nebraska’s (ULN) mission is to be an empowering voice in the community, advocating for economic self-sufficiency, parity, power, civil rights and equal opportunity for all. The vision of the ULN is to close the economic gap for African-Americans and other emerging minority groups and disadvantaged families in the achievement of social equality and economic independence. ULN’s focus is on Education, Youth Empowerment, Economic Development and Civic Engagement.

For more information about the ULN please call 451-1066 or visit their website at www.urbanleagueneb.org

100

BLACK MEN
of Omaha, Inc.

“What they see is what they will be”

The mission of the 100 Black Men of Omaha is to improve the quality of life for all Omaha citizen’s and ensure a brighter future for our youth. The 100 is committed to the intellectual development of youth and the economic empowerment of African-American community based on the following precepts: respect for family, spirituality, justice and integrity; including the “Four for the Future” initiative – education, mentoring, health & wellness and economic development.

For more information about the 100 Black Men of Omaha please call 934-7065 or visit their website at www.100blackmenofomaha.org

**African-American
EMPOWERMENT
NETWORK**

“It takes a Village”

The mission of the African-American Empowerment Network is to create an empowered community by connecting, communicating, coordinating, collaborating, creating, and celebrating results. The organization is focused on improving the quality of life and economic positions of African-Americans, residents of North Omaha and citizens of the greater Omaha area. Strategies and plans have been developed in number of areas; including, but not limited to: job development & training, education and youth development, violence intervention and prevention, arts, culture and more!

For more information about the Empowerment Network please call 502-5153 or visit their website at www.empoweromaha.com

If you know of a young man who will be entering into the 9th grade in the 2011-2012 school year please have him along with his parent/guardian complete the attached registration form.

Conference attire should be business casual to include jeans, polo shirts and/or a dress shirt; however, NO hats, NO sandals, NO jerseys or gym clothes are allowed.

Also, included in the day long Summit a luncheon will be hosted at the Harper Center (Creighton University), 602 N. 20th, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., for community leaders and the public at large; tickets are \$50 per person.

For more information about the Summit or to purchase tickets for the luncheon please contact Deidra Andrews, Urban League of Nebraska, at 453-9730 x14 or visit the Urban League of Nebraska website at www.urbanleagueneb.org.

In addition registration packets will be made available at the offices of the Urban League, from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 Monday-Friday, beginning July 15th – August 19, 2011.

2011 "Striving for Success" Male Summit Registration Form



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Nebraska

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. Return this form to: Urban League of Nebraska, attn: Summit, 3040 Lake Street, Omaha, NE 68111 by Monday, August 22, 2011. You may also fax your form to 453-9676. The registration form, Parent's Authorization and Summit Covenant must be filled out completely and signed for you to attend this conference.

Full Name _____ Name you prefer _____

School as of August 2010: Benson Bryan Burke Central North Northwest South

Other *please note school name* _____

Home Address _____ City, State & Zip _____

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent's/Guardian day and/or cell phone _____ Email _____

Medical Information

Is youth presently taking any medication? YES NO If yes, explain: _____

Is there any medical matter that Summit staff should be aware of? YES NO

If yes, explain: _____

Meals for the entire day are included; however, are there any special dietary needs and/or food allergies?

YES NO If yes, explain: _____

PARENT'S AUTHORIZATION MUST BE SIGNED. The information on this form is correct so far as I know, and the person herein described has permission to engage in all prescribed Summit activities, except as noted by me. In the event Summit Staff are unable to reach parent or guardian in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the medical physician selected by Summit Staff to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for my child as named above.

Signature_____ Relation_____ Date_____

Emergency Contact information

Name_____ Relation_____ Phone_____

SUMMIT COVENANT

I acknowledge and accept in writing that the Striving for Success sponsored youth conference is based upon mutual trust, respect for others and adherence to the spirit and to the specifics of a set of standards as follows:

- I will respect all others and their possessions.
- I will treat all Summit Staff and volunteers with respect and will treat all buildings and furnishings with care.
- I will adhere to the rules of First Student (transportation company) to and from the Summit.
- I will remain on the Summit site throughout the conference unless accompanied by an adult staff member designated by the conference coordinators.
- I acknowledge that some of the group discussions may cover mature matter subject matter (i.e. youth violence, etc.)

Attending the Striving for Success Summit is a privilege and participants are encouraged to enter fully and cooperatively. Through a person designated by the conference coordinator reserves the right to terminate participation in the conference whose conduct is considered detrimental to the conference community.

Student Participant's signature_____

Parent's signature_____