

# The Valley Weekly

*"... Make of me always a man who questions."*  
- Franz Fanon

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## Tennessee Valley Gains a Confucius Institute

The Tennessee Valley is the new site of a coveted Confucius Institute, one of only 107 throughout the United States. The formal announcement of the establishment of a Confucius

Institute was made recently on the campus of Alabama A&M University.

The Confucius Institute of Alabama A&M University (CIAAMU) will further the

understanding of the Chinese language and culture, as well as facilitate and support business initiatives between China and the United States.

Because of the significant eco-

nommic relationships between the United States and China, in addition to China's global economic influence, the Confucius Institute will help to enhance the relationship and to serve as a resource

throughout north Alabama. The partner university for AAMU is Nanjing Forestry University, Nanjing, China.

## Actor Will Address AAMU Commencement

The fall commencement of Alabama A&M University will be held Friday, December 12, at 9 a.m. in the T.M. Elmore Building.

The scheduled guest speaker is an artist, educator, activist and entrepreneur.

Lamman Rucker also is the star of the rousing film by Russ Parr, "The Under Shepherd." He is noted for his role in the smash hit sitcom by Tyler Perry, "Meet the Browns." He may also be recognized as Mona's boyfriend 'Chase' on UPN's "Half & Half," as well as his bad boy characters in the daytime dramas "As The World Turns" and "All My Children."

Additionally, Rucker has been a memorable guest star on "Law & Order," "All Of Us" and the popular television movie miniseries "The Temptations." He was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., and grew up in Washington, D.C.

On stage, Rucker received a 2002 Audelco nomination for his portrayal of Jason in Eurip-

ides' "MEDEA". Rucker is also a founding member of The Black Gents of Hollywood, a Los Angeles-based, all-Black male theatre company whose powerful play "Black Angels Over Tuskegee" about the Tuskegee Airmen is currently taking the country by storm and in its fifth year off-Broadway.

A graduate of the Duke Ellington School of the Arts in Washington, D.C., Rucker's accomplishments also include an NEAA Presidential Scholarship in the Arts nomination, Drama & Musical Theatre training at Carnegie-Mellon University, a full scholarship to the Berkshire Theatre Festival and having romantic leads in several hit regional theatre and Off-Broadway plays and musicals.

While in high school, Rucker was an original member of the groundbreaking youth company, the Washington Area Improvisational Teen Theatre (W.A.I.T.T.). The company's primary goal was

to promote sexual abstinence to teens and educate young people about their bodies, the risks of teen pregnancy, STD's and HIV/AIDS. He went on to become a successful teacher, coach, mentor and youth advocate - acquiring a Masters of Science in Education and then on to star in BET's award-winning HIV/AIDS film "Let's Talk" in 2006.

Rucker gave stellar performances as 'Sheriff Troy' in the highly successful motion pictures "Why Did I Get Married?" and its sequel "Why Did I Get Married Too?" with an all-star cast including Jill Scott, Janet Jackson and Tyler Perry.

He also starred in the independent award-winning romantic comedy "I'm Through With White Girls - The Inevitable Undoing of Jay Brooks," as well as the inspirational film "The Greatest Song" which he also Co-Produced. Currently, he stars in the much anticipated film "The Man in 3B" to be released in the

Fall of 2014.

Rucker is a passionate activist and spokesperson for several non-profit organizations and community action initiatives including Tied To Greatness, Art Creates Life, Green For All, Good Ground-Good Life, A.H.E.A.D., Inc., Inner City Industry, BET's Rap-It-Up campaign, the Black AIDS Institute, The Magic Johnson Foundation and several other grass-roots organizations across the country leading the way in uplifting communities, empowering youth, saving our environment and encouraging prevention, education and testing initiatives for HIV/AIDS.

He has served in several educational capacities in the areas of arts and theater; health and wellness as well as entrepreneurship and financial empowerment workshops that aid in practical tools for saving, living debt-free, and investing wisely.

In early 2011, Rucker introduced his highly anticipated



all-natural bath & body signature product line forplai ([www.forplai.com](http://www.forplai.com)). forplai by Lamman Rucker is a new natural bath & body care line for women, men and couples that encourage a daily connection between the mind, body and spirit.



## Deltas Sponsor Summit Focusing on the Black Male

I profoundly believe that loving, nurturing, guiding, protecting, educating and empowering our children are among the greatest investments we can make in our future.

Unfortunately, a critical segment of our population, some of our prized American assets—our young boys and young men of color, are facing broad, disproportionate and multi-dimensional challenges and steep obstacles, that threaten their survival and success. Sadly, the very places where many of these young people expect to receive guidance and support—such as their households, extended family, faith-based organizations, schools, community organizations, and the criminal justice system, deny them their basic needs, precious rights and privileges.

Committed to improving the quality of life for individuals and families through service, scholarship and sisterhood, the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, sponsored Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence (EMBODI) Summit II on Saturday, November 22, 2014 at the Four Points Sheraton in Huntsville, Ala. Michelle Leonard is President of this dynamic service-oriented sorority.

Guided by the theme: “A Challenge for Change”, interactive and energizing workshop topics were: Choices, The SELFie, Financial Freedom: Needs, Wants, Do’s and Don’ts, Your Image- Your Life and Raising Successful Children in a Digital World.

The Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence (EMBODI) program is designed to refocus the efforts of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., with the support and action of other major organizations, on the plight of African-American males. Both

informal and empirical data suggest that the vast majority (of African-American males) continues to be in crisis and are not reaching their fullest potential educationally, socially and emotionally. It addresses these issues through ongoing dialogue, building networks, crafting and executing recommendations for change and action. Emphasis is placed on issues related to STEM education, culture, self-efficacy, leadership, physical and mental health, healthy lifestyles choices, social media, character, ethics, family and interpersonal relationships, college readiness, fiscal management, civic engagement and service learning.

This spectacular youth-focused summit was superbly chaired by Shanay Lewis and co-chaired by Tammy Williams. It was generously co-sponsored by Diverse Educational Life Training Activities, Inc. So linked to the technology young men of color are fascinated with today, the summit attracted a diverse group of 93 young African American boys and teenagers from the Decatur Youth Enrichment Program, the Greater Huntsville Chapter of 100 Black Men, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Psi Kappa Kappa,



Xi Omicron Chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Delta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., local businesses and faith-based organizations. Over 83 parents, relatives and adult youth leaders were also there to encourage and support our young men.

African Americans have amassed a rich and proud legacy of succeeding against seemingly insurmountable odds. Hence, The EMBODI Summit was a summons for all who are concerned about our future, to take an active role in creating path-

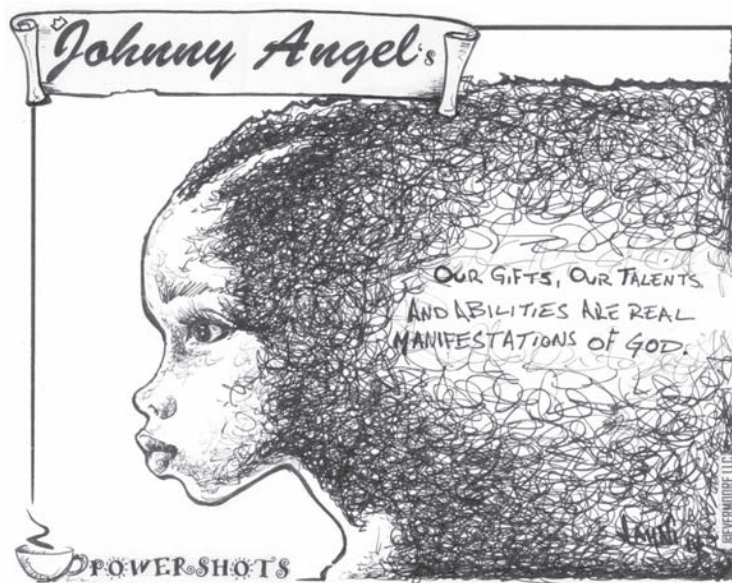
ways to opportunities and success for some of America’s greatest resources—our young Black boys and men.

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Awareness: My sisters and I team for Thanksgiving. Pictured (l-r) are Charlie Mae Stallworth, Anne Barry and Dorothy W. Huston

# From the Editor



There are several types of families including, but not limited to, the family in which we are born; the family we marry into; the people with which we worship, work and serve; and persons we choose to include in the space we individually define as family. I had the opportunity this past week to spend some time with two of my sisters from south Alabama, along with other immediate and extended family. I have been trying to make them aware of the fact that I-65 runs both north and south; thus, it is good for them to travel north from time to time.

Now that we have given thanks and enjoyed the time spent with family and friends, it is time for us to turn our focus to December and what is going on around us. As promised, we donated coats this past week to Second Chance Ministries. We encourage you to become aware of requests of local charities and respond as you deem appropriate.

In 2009, December was declared by the American Foundation for Paying Attention to Things as "National Awareness Month." This declaration was made in an effort to combat what organizers referred to as our current epidemic of "complete and utter obliviousness." They indicated that millions of men and women are "dangerously unaware" of what is going on around them from day-to-day. Even worse, the vast majority of the millions of Americans across the country who are suffering from this debilitating state of mind don't even know it. This may appear somewhat shocking considering all of the mediums we use to communicate instantly including email, smart phones, iPads, tablets, Facebook and Twitter. Even so, many of us choose to mind our own business and expect others to 'leave us alone.' With this mentality, it is easy to slip into a mode of not being aware of what's going on in the world, state, region or even in the house next door.

On Friday, November 14, 2014, one of our Rosetta James Foundation elders, Ms. Cora Sue McCaulley, passed away at her home. Immediately following the news of her passing, her brother, Mr. Larry McCaulley, subsequently passed away that same day. In a matter of hours, their family was faced with burying a sister and a brother at the same time. Because we have known Ms. McCaulley for many years, we will miss her sweet, loving, and benevolent spirit. She was forever giving and doing for someone else--always in tune with the needs of others, especially her family, friends and neighbors. Blessings to the McCaulley Family from *The Valley Weekly* team. We knew Larry through Cora Sue. We will miss him, too.

How is it that we are living in a time when a school district can eliminate a deficit of about \$20 million and balance the budget in one year; a State is touting jobs and economic development one week and is about \$265 million in budget shortfalls the next week after the election; or, law enforcement officers can gun-down unarmed citizens and harass motorists, and yet we remain oblivious to the fact that because this is a problem in Missouri and Ohio, it is also a problem for us? And, we are led to believe that what is going on elsewhere is *their* business; that we are unlike the rest of the country because our citizens participate in the process when we are faced with the latter issue. Until we are engaged actively, respect diverse human lives with dignity, and question the status quo, much of what we are experiencing will remain the same at minimum. Let's pay attention to what we read, hear and see. Otherwise, we become oblivious to what is going on around us. We can make a positive difference, because each of us has the same 24 hours.

Let's be aware, attuned and make the difference we can make. Until next week,

*Dorothy*

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# Year-End IRS Tips for Charitable Contributions

## Rules for Charitable Contributions of Clothing and Household Items

Household items include furniture, furnishings, electronics, appliances and linens. Clothing and household items donated to charity generally must be in good used condition or better to be tax-deductible. A clothing or household item for which a taxpayer claims a deduction of over \$500 does not have to meet this standard if the taxpayer includes a qualified appraisal of the item with the return.

You must get a written acknowledgement from the charity for all gifts worth \$250 or more. It must include, among other things, a description of the items contributed.

## Guidelines for Monetary Donations

You must have a bank record or a written statement from the charity in order to deduct any donation of money, regardless of amount. The record must show the name of the charity and the date and amount of the contribution. Bank records include canceled checks, and bank, credit union and credit card statements. Bank or credit union statements should show the name of the charity, the date, and the amount paid. Credit card statements should show the name of the charity, the date, and the transaction posting date.

Donations of money include those made in cash or by check, electronic funds transfer, credit card and payroll deduction. For payroll deductions, you should retain a pay stub, a Form W-2 wage statement or other document furnished by your employer showing the total amount withheld for charity, along with the pledge card showing the name of the charity.



These requirements for the deduction of monetary donations do not change the long-standing requirement that you must obtain an acknowledgment from a charity for each deductible donation (either money or property) of \$250 or more. However, one statement containing all of the required information may meet both requirements.

## Reminders

Here are some additional reminders to help you plan your year-end contributions:

- **Qualified charities.** Check that the charity is eligible. Only donations to eligible organizations are tax-deductible. Select Check, a searchable online tool available on IRS.gov, lists most organizations that are eligible to receive deductible contributions. In addition, churches, synagogues, temples, mosques and government agencies are eligible to receive deductible donations. This is true even if they are not listed

in the tool's database.

- **Year-end gifts.** Contributions are deductible in the year made. Therefore, donations charged to a

credit card before the end of 2014 count for 2014, even if the credit card bill isn't paid until 2015.

Also, checks count for 2014 as long as they are mailed in 2014.

- **Itemize deductions.** Only if you itemize your deductions on Form 1040 Schedule A can you claim deductions for charitable contributions. This deduction is not available to those who choose the standard deduction. This includes anyone who files a short form (Form 1040A or 1040EZ). You will have a tax savings only if the total itemized deductions (mortgage interest, charitable contributions, state and local taxes, etc.) exceed the standard deduction. You may use the 2014 Form 1040 Schedule A to determine whether itemizing is better than claiming the standard deduction.

- **Record donations.** For all donations of property, including clothing and household items, get from the charity, if possible, a receipt that includes the name of the charity, date of the contribu-

tion, and a reasonably-detailed description of the donated property. If a donation is left at a charity's unattended drop site, keep a written record of the donation that includes this information, as well as the fair market value of the property at the time of the donation and the method used to determine that value. Additional rules apply for a contribution of \$250 or more.

- **Special Rules.** The deduction for a car, boat or airplane donated to charity is usually limited to the gross proceeds from its sale. This rule applies if the claimed value is more than \$500. Form 1098-C or a similar statement, must be provided to you by the organization and attached to your tax return. If the amount of your deduction for all noncash contributions is over \$500, a properly-completed Form 8283 must be submitted with the tax return (Sources: IRS Publications 17 and 526).

- Submitted by David Herron  
Nashville, Tenn.

## Rosetta James Scholarship Foundation

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The Rosetta James Scholarship Foundation provides financial scholarship to undergraduate students who demonstrate sound academic principles; commitment to community volunteerism, civic engagement and unselfishness to assist others in Huntsville/Madison County.

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# Junebug

by Jerome Saintjones

When I reflect on my boyhood summers, I can picture running with friends between a series of A-frame houses, madly chasing junebugs. The neighborhood permitted us to run through yards that were not our own and yet that belonged to all of us.

We would run around, under and between clotheslines, where unmentionables billowed in the wind in the kind of pristine, salvation white that only black hands could wring. Sometimes, the underwear, the sheets and the wind would conspire and then would lift themselves skyward as we ran underneath.

For a fleeting moment, the junebug would call the shots. But if it became only a bit too slow or too stricken with narcissism, then it would receive a solid little boy's blow to its green and golden body. The blow to its innocent Eden could not be too severe. Just enough to stun, to disorient, to make it temporarily unaware of its junebugness.

I mean, *really*. It was just a little too haughty to be an insect, especially with all the God-

given pure gold sides and little gold legs. With just the right tap, at just the right moment in time, it would be knocked senseless from its position as the animal kingdom's chosen insect, only to awaken to find a string firmly secured around its little leg.

It would fight to right itself to the laws of Eden and the more divine purposes charged to it. And, when it finally began to regroup and to dare fly again,

it would realize that it now had limits. Its beautiful flight had become instead imprisonment and entertainment.



earth argue for their favor, and the stars swoon with their music.

They fly freely, weaving through unfriendly terrain, dodging arrows hurled by school systems; by dismantled and smoldering villages filled with predators and fallen soldiers; by bitter Nubian mothers; and by religious institutions and leaders who blame them for getting knocked down and for allowing themselves to be chained.

They grow weary, collapse from their own weight and ultimately become the fodder upon which a crumbling society of endless manipulation and usury is built and from which it extracts its nutrients.

The lesson, then, of the fallen junebug goes something like this: There are few things that can replace the knowledge of one's true history, yet, out of necessity, history cannot always be safely secured in this realm. Call it "out there," but there is an intergalactic war being waged for the souls of black children throughout the Diaspora. But those bold and gold ones—the ones who seek the truth long and hard enough—will learn that their original claim as the truly Chosen might only be a leg away.

Funny. But to this very day I cannot recall what became of the junebugs we captured. Perhaps we let them tire themselves out, got bored watching their futility, or even ended their misery, one male at a time. It was always psychologically easier to justify destroying the males. Some junebugs likely died never recapturing that they were, in fact, junebugs.

The junebugs are not entirely unlike another group of males, the ones born with the colors of the earth, brushed with a goldness of spirit that almost whispers "chosen." The earth is tickled by their racing feet and jaguar-like stride, the sun and



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- 2 - Charles H. Wesley, historian
- 3 - Ralph Gardner, chemist
- 4 - Tyra Banks, model, TV hostess
- 5 - Little Richard, rock and roll legend
- 6 - Jesse B. Blayton, Sr., radio entrepreneur
- 7 - Reginald Lewis, businessman
- 8 - Sammy Davis, Jr. - entertainer
- 9 - Redd Foxx - comedian
- 10 - Michael Clarke Duncan, actor
- 11 - Willie Mae "Big Mama" Thornton
- 12 - Dionne Warwick, singer
- 13 - Jamie Foxx, actor
- 14 - Stanley Crouch, syndicated columnist
- 15 - William A. Hinton,
- 16 - William Perry, NFL defensive lineman, Chicago Bears
- 17 - Eddie Kendricks, singer, former member of The Temptations
- 18 - Ossie Davis, Actor
- 19 - Carter G. Woodson, historian, author
- 20 - Trent Tucker, pro basketball player
- 21 - Josh Gibson, Negro Baseball League home run king
- 22 - Arthur W. Mitchell, first black Democratic congressman
- 23 - Madame C.J. Walker, businesswoman, first U.S. female millionaire
- 24 - Octavia R. Albert, writer
- 25 - Cab Calloway, bandleader, jazz singer
- 26 - Lonnie Elder, author/playwright
- 27 - John Amos, actor
- 28 - Denzel Washington, Academy Award-winning actor
- 29 - Tom Bradley, former mayor of Los Angeles
- 30 - Bo Diddley, singer/guitarist
- 31 - Odetta, folk singer

Source: [www.blackintime.info](http://www.blackintime.info)

## HPAC Installs New Officers

The Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc. of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc. recently held its Installation of Officers for 2015-2017.

The new officers are Miss Carla Clift, President; Mr. Gary T. Whitley, Jr., Vice President/President Elect; Mrs. Geraldine D. Williams, Secretary; Mr. Erskine L. Valrie, Treasurer; Dr. Theodis Acklin, Parliamentarian; and Dr. Terrance Vickerstaff, Chaplain.

The presiding officer of the ceremony was Mrs. Georgia S. Valrie, immediate past president. Other chapter members participating on the program were Mrs. Veronica Collins, Mrs. Sadie Pleasure, Miss Tonita Phipps and Mr. William L. Huston, Sr.

The installation of officers was conducted by Rochelle A. Conley, Attorney & Counselor of Law of Huntsville, Ala., and alumna of Alabama A&M University. Approximately 75 guests attended the event. Following the ceremony, members mixed and mingled with friends, family and alumni at the Holiday Social.



**HPAC 2015-17 Officers:** (l-r) Erskine L. Valrie, treasurer; Dr. Dorothy W. Williams (standing in for Gary T. Whitley, Jr., vice president); Veronica Collins (standing in for Geraldine D. Williams, secretary); Carla Clift, president; Dr. Terrance Vickerstaff, chaplain; and Rev. Theodis Acklin, parliamentarian.

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World AIDS Day 2014 is an opportunity to harness the power of social change to put people first and close the gap. Ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030 is possible, but only by closing the gap between people who have access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support services, and people who are being left behind.

Community Faith Partners invites the public to attend four exciting events in observance of World AIDS Day 2014 as follows:

## Friday, December 5

Red Ribbon Awards Breakfast – 7:00-8:30 a.m.  
Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church  
Boone-Lacey Fellowship Hall  
315 Winchester Road NE  
Huntsville, AL 35811

The guest speaker is AIDS activist Shakira Desavoire from Atlanta, Ga.

## Saturday, December 6

Youth World AIDS Day Program 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
No More Dirty, Inc.  
5045 North Memorial Parkway, Suite B  
Huntsville, AL 35810

The guest speaker is Shakira Desavoire. Poetry, dance, music, and a mini fashion show will be provided by local artists:

Seasoned Salt, Keila Garvin, MsMeka DaPoet, Kevin “DJ Self Esteem” Haywood, Elevated Hip Hop Group, Just Believe, Miracle, and D.R.E.A.M.S. with Bianca Drake. A reception will immediately follow. Free HIV testing will also be provided by the AIDS Action Coalition.

## Sunday, December 7

Documentary Film: “deepsouth” 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
No More Dirty, Inc.  
5045 North Memorial Parkway, Suite B  
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“deepsouth” is a documentary about the impact of the AIDS epidemic in the lives of individuals living in the Southeast. Visit [www.deepsouthfilm.com](http://www.deepsouthfilm.com) for more information. A discussion will be facilitated by Dana Battle of the Madison County Health Department with a reception immediately following.

## Monday, December 8

HHS World AIDS Day Program 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Oscar Mason Community Center  
149 Mason Court NW, Huntsville, AL 35805

The World AIDS Day programs will wrap up with an event hosted by the Huntsville Housing Authority. The guest speaker is Alabama State Representative Laura Hall with Community Faith Partners. The AIDS Action Coalition will also conduct free HIV testing at 600 St. Clair Avenue, Building 3, Suite 14 in Huntsville.

Community Faith Partners is a group of individuals and organizations who raise awareness about HIV/AIDS in North Alabama. World AIDS Day 2014 partner organizations include Alabama State Representative Laura Hall, AIDS Action Coalition, Coffee House Poets, Diverse Educational Life Training Activi-

ties, Inc., First Missionary Baptist Church, Huntsville Housing Authority, Madison County Public Health Department, No More Dirty, Inc., Popeyes Louisiana Chicken (Huntsville Locations), Rent-A-Center-Sparkman, Sam's Club-#4776, WEUP, and WJAB 90.9FM.

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Depot Professional Building  
Donny's Diamond Gallery  
Dunkin Donuts  
Eagles' Nest Ministries  
Fellowship Presbyterian Church  
Garden Cove Produce  
Jeffery's Barber Shop  
Lakeside United Methodist Church  
Landers McLarty Dodge  
Chrysler Jeep Ram  
Mamma Annie's  
Marshall England – State Farm Agent  
Martinson & Beason, PC  
Moe's – Village of Providence  
Nelms Memorial Funeral Home  
North Alabama Center for Educational Excellence  
Oakwood University Post Office  
Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church  
Progressive Union Missionary Baptist  
Reliable Towing  
Sady's Bistro in Providence  
Sam and Greg's Pizza  
Sneed's Cleaners  
St. Bartley PB Church  
St. Luke Christian Church  
Starbucks – Governors Drive, North Parkway at  
Mastin Lake Road/  
University Drive  
The Office Break Room & Bar  
Tony's Hair Salon  
Union Chapel Missionary Baptist  
Westin's Blue Med Spa

# DLC Tennessee Valley Diversity Leadership Colloquium

## Vision:

The Diversity Leadership Colloquium (DLC) advances leadership excellence by advocating and progressing the affirmation and inclusion of diversity in strategic markets and communities of interest for competitive intelligence.

## Mission:

DLC's mission is to become a premier provider of diversity training for inspiring and experienced leaders throughout the lifecycle.

## Values:

Our values are: Collaboration for Excellence; Appreciation with Insight; Respect for Understanding; and Empathy for all ... **C.A.R.E.**

DLC offers inspiring and experienced leaders with opportunities to benefit from qualified and seasoned trainers, scholars, and business professionals who share and discuss research and best practices regarding obtaining excellence through diversity.

DLC is designed for individuals interested in gaining access to networks, mentors, and sponsors that have traditionally not been available to diverse members of the broader community. Enrollees will be exposed to topics such as: Understanding and Embracing Diversity, Organizational Culture and Structural Reform, Racial and Gender Intelligence, Social Justice and Equality, Networking and Mentoring, Politics, Heroes and Holidays, Critical Thinking and Self-Affirmation and Living the CARE Values.

Individuals and companies are making sincere efforts in verbalizing a commitment to diversity excellence. However, we must be trained to build the next generation of leaders who have the skill sets, tools and commitment to execute.

## Training Schedule

DLC will run four quarterly, eight week colloquia. The sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. Participant cannot miss more than 2 sessions.

Location: 415-A Church Street - Downtown Huntsville

Enrollment limited to: 16 - **Tuition:** \$795

## 2015 Schedule

**Winter** Jan 13 – Mar 3 - Deadline to register (Dec 13, 2014)  
**Spring** April 7 – May 26 - Deadline to register (March 7, 2015)  
**Summer** July 7 – August 25 - Deadline to register (June 7, 2015)  
**Fall** Oct 6 – Nov 24 - Deadline to register (Sep 6, 2015)



## To Apply

- Application Form
- 3 References
- Resume
- Photo
- Tuition Payable upon Acceptance

## APPLICATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Citizen?  Yes  No Enrolling Quarter \_\_\_\_\_

### Education

High School Completion? Yes  No

Highest Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Field \_\_\_\_\_

### References

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Mail application info to: 415A Church Street - Ste. 100, Huntsville, AL 35801 - (256) 651-9028; visit us at [www.diversityleadershipcolloquium.com](http://www.diversityleadershipcolloquium.com); or e-mail [info@diversityleadershipcolloquium.com](mailto:info@diversityleadershipcolloquium.com).