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\$4.25 Million To Colleges For Violence Prevention



Health And Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala announced a \$4.25 million grant to historically black colleges and universities for designing, developing, implementing and testing a series of violence prevention programs. As a former university chancellor, Shalala stated that she knew "The value of involving colleges and universities in solving community problems." Pictured (1-r) are: Congressman John Lewis (D-Georgia); Central State University President Dr. Arthur E. Thomas; Health and Human Services Deputy Secretary Walter Broadnax; Congressman Louis Stokes (D-Ohio); Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala; Tougaloo College President Dr. Adib A. Shakir; Assistant Secretary for Health, Dr. Philip R. Lee; and Knoxville College President Dr. Lois S. Williams.

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HHS Secretary Donna E. Shalala announced that a consortium of 16 historically and predominantly black colleges and universities will enter into a \$4.25 million cooperative agreement to design, develop, implement and test a series of models aimed at reducing levels and inci-

dence of violence, alcohol and other drug abuse among minority individuals, families and communities.

Each of the participating institutions will establish a family life center on campus to implement community-based programs such as the counseling of students and community

residents and the developing of community violence prevention activities.

Research projects include studies on violence and dysfunctional families, the effectiveness of police interventions in preventing multiple incidence of spousal and child abuse,

and conflict resolution strategies in public schools.

"As a former university chancellor, I know the value of involving colleges and universities in solving community problems," Secretary Shalala said.

"Outside of the family and the church, historically and predominantly black colleges and universities are perhaps the most respected and cherished institutions in African-American communities. We believe that working with local communities, giving young people something to say yes to, and demonstrating through action that somebody cares is violence prevention at its best."

Walther D. Broadnax, HHS deputy secretary and chief operating officer, said, "These campus-based centers will be learning laboratories for training the many and varied professionals we need to bring together. Students and faculty concerned with the violence they see going on right outside their gates will learn to empower their communities to heal our wounds and save our children." Broadnax is managing the department's efforts to support historically black colleges and universities.

Also speaking at the press conference where Secretary Shalala announced the agreement, which is funded through the Office of Minority Health in the Public Health Service, were:

* Congressman Louis Stokes, D-Ohio, chairman of the Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, House Appropriations Committee, and author of legislation supporting funding for the project.

* Dr. Arthur E. Thomas, president of Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, and Dr. Adib A. Shakir, president of Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, Miss., co-chairs of the Consortium for Practicum and Research on Minority Males/Minority Males Consortium.

* Dr. Philip R. Lee, assistant secretary for health and director of the Public Health Service.

President Bill Clinton has signed an Executive Order increasing support for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and has referred to the important role these institutions play in a community's development and advancement. Today's announcement underscores that commitment and exemplifies HHS' aggressive plans and support for community-based violence prevention

activities.

Other college/university presidents who attended the press conference as members of the consortium were:

Dr. Tilden J. LeMelle, University of the District of Columbia; Dr. Lois S. Williams, Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tenn.; Dr. Earl S. Richardson, Morgan State University, Baltimore, Md.; Dr. John L. Henderson, Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio; Dr. Dolores Cross, Chicago State University, Illinois;

Dr. Joann Horton, Texas Southern University, Houston; Dr. Burnett Joiner, LeMoyné-Owen College, Memphis, Tenn.; Dr. Myer L. Titus, Philander Smith College, North Little Rock, Ark.; and Dr. Joseph B. Johnson, Talladega College, Talladega, Ala.

The remaining five consortium institutions are: Clark-Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Thomas W. Cole Jr., Lincoln University, Lincoln University, Pa.; Dr. Niara Sudarkasa, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Edward B. Fort, and Xavier University, New Orleans, La.; Dr. Norman C. Francis.

Central State University is coordinating consortium activities.

African-American Veterans Of World War II Honored

President Bill Clinton joined the Congressional Black Caucus to honor 39 African-American World War II veterans and 18 African-American veteran service organizations during ceremonies held September 16 in Washington, D.C.

Secretary of Veteran Affairs Jesse Brown and U.S. Representative Charles B. Rangel, D-NY, chairman of the Black Caucus' Veteran's Task Force joined President Clinton in presenting to the veterans and organizations distinctive plaques recognizing their service to the nation.

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President Clinton noted to the audience that packed Ways and Means Hearing Room that African-Americans had to fight more than one fight 50 years ago. "Americans endured much during World War II - the terrible loss of lives, the separation of families and loved ones, the interruptions of life on the home front. But no

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Anytime your bank or mortgage company wants you to do is probably in its best interest, but not in yours. Don't change your adjustable rate mortgage (ARM) to a fixed rate mortgage because your bank says it's a good idea.

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group of Americans endured what African Americans endured in uniform," Clinton said.

"You had to win the right to fight the enemy we faced in common. You endured the indignities of double standards for black troops, the put downs, the segregated units and bases, some of which gave you less freedom to move than German prisoners of war. You defended America with no guarantee that your own freedom would be defended in return."

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More than a million African-American men and women helped to win "this century's greatest fight for freedom," Clinton said. "In helping to show the world what America was against, you helped to show America what America is for." It was, he said, the beginning of the end of segregation in the armed forces of the United States.

The higher interest is so lucrative that the bank can afford to give you a big discount as an incentive.

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Oregon to Host New International President

The Oregon State Association of Ministers Wives & Widows, will host the thirteenth Annual Pacific Regional Conference of the International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Inc., October 6-8, 1994 at the Red Lion Hotel, Jantzen Beach, Portland, Oregon. The Rose City Ministers Wives Council will be our local hosts. The Pacific Region consists of five states: Washington, Oregon, California, Alaska and Hawaii.

Oregon will also host the newly elected President of the International Association of Ministers Wives and Widows, Inc. Dr. Celest Johnson, of Connecticut.

Urban League Ends Conference With New Challenges

The National Urban League ended its annual conference at the Indianapolis Convention Center on an upbeat, charged note with newly elected President and Chief Executive Officer Hugh B. Price urging the conferees to "go back home and keep on keeping on!"

Price's marching orders followed the closing plenary keynote address of University of Pennsylvania Law Professor Lani Guinier, who gained notoriety after President Clinton nominated her, then withdrew her name from consideration,

as the nation's top civil rights enforcer.

Professor Guinier told the crowd of more than 1,500 that she holds no bitterness toward the president nor the process: "What we need to start is a national conversation about race, about justice, about fundamental fairness."

"Talking about race," she continued, "has become synonymous with violating the rules. It doesn't matter how quietly or articulately you speak, the policy is "Don't ask;

don't tell." It was Guinier's paper trail of controversial writings and speeches as a practicing attorney and legal scholar that hamstrung her nomination on Capitol Hill.

"Race talk is condemned as inherently divisive," Guinier stated, adding, "talking about race is perceived as the problem instead of the solution." Her recommendation: "an open, national dialogue on race issues" which is critical to America's future. She criticized the name-game among politicians: "Democrats and

Republicans simply do not want to talk about race. Instead they talk in loaded, coded euphemisms -- 'three strikes and you're out'; 'two years and you're off.' Neoconservatives don't want to talk about race because we are now officially colorblind." Without that open dialogue, Guinier maintained, those who are left out of the system lose their opportunity to "genuine, participatory democracy."

The U.S. African American Chamber of Commerce Honors National and Local Leaders at Convention



AMONG THE HONOREES — Robert Ingram, Mayor, Opa Locka, Fla., and President of the National Conference of Black Mayors, center, left photograph, is presented a National Leadership Award during the 7th Annual Convention of the U.S. African American Chamber of Commerce in Miami. Presenters from the Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce are, from left, Dorothy R. Baker, President, and Marty Pinkston, Chairperson. Two other award recipients are, above right, Frederica Wilson, member of the Dade County School Board and founder of the "500 African American Role Models of Excellence," and Bishop Frank Curtis Cummings of the 11th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Edward Waters College.

MIAMI BEACH — The 7th Annual Convention of the U.S. African American Chamber of Commerce, meeting here recently, honored fifteen national and local men and women who have contributed significantly to the progress of African American communities in this nation.

"It is vital that we recognize these leaders periodically," said Oscar J. Coffey, President, USAACC, during the "Spotlight on Leadership Banquet," sponsored by Philip Morris Companies Inc. "They help and inspire us all every day and their importance as role models for our children is immeasurable," Coffey said.

Honorees for economic development were Maynard Jackson, former Atlanta mayor and currently President, Jackson Security, and Greg Williams, local owner of three Kentucky Fried Chicken franchises. Honorees for public service were Arsenio Hall, the entertainer, and Nat Moore, President, Nat More and Associates. Honorees for entertainment were Kenny Edmonds and Antonio Reed of LaFace Records and Jerry Rushin, President, WEDR Radio.

Special Awards of Merit were presented to Rep. Carrie P. Meek, D-Fla.; Rep. Alcee Hastings, D-Fla. and Arthur Teele, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Dade County.

Mark V. Monteverdi, Manager, Public Programs, Philip Morris Companies Inc., and banquet master of ceremonies, explained, "This program helps us to see clearly the importance of leaders on both the national and local levels. Together, they can function as effective teams for community problem-solving no matter what the source of the problem."

Dinner guests heard brief descriptions of accomplishments by the honorees.

Frederica Wilson, a member of the Dade County School Board, was honored for her efforts in the area of education that included her founding of the "500 African American Role Models of Excellence."

A former elementary school teacher, Headstart Administrator and Principal, Wilson has been a tenacious advocate for the welfare of children and she works hard to bring about an awareness of the special

needs of minority children — especially boys.

Her role model activists provide thousands of young boys with concrete and attainable goals as well as jobs and scholarships to colleges and technical and vocational schools, so that "our students are not all dressed up for graduation with no place to go."

Dr. N. Joyce Payne, Director, Thurgood Marshall Foundation in Washington, D.C., was honored as a national leader in the field of education.

In the area of religion, AME Bishop Frank Curtis Cummings, 11th Episcopal District, was honored as a national leader in the field of religion. His local counterpart was the Rev. Walter Richardson, Pastor, Sweet Home Baptist Church.

As chairman of the board of trustees for Edward Waters College for two years, Bishop Cummings has led the college to select a new president, raised more than \$1.2 million, and helped to establish a human resource center.

He helped to raise and distribute more than \$100,000 for victims of Hurricane Andrew. He also contributed funds to schools in South Africa, Swaziland and

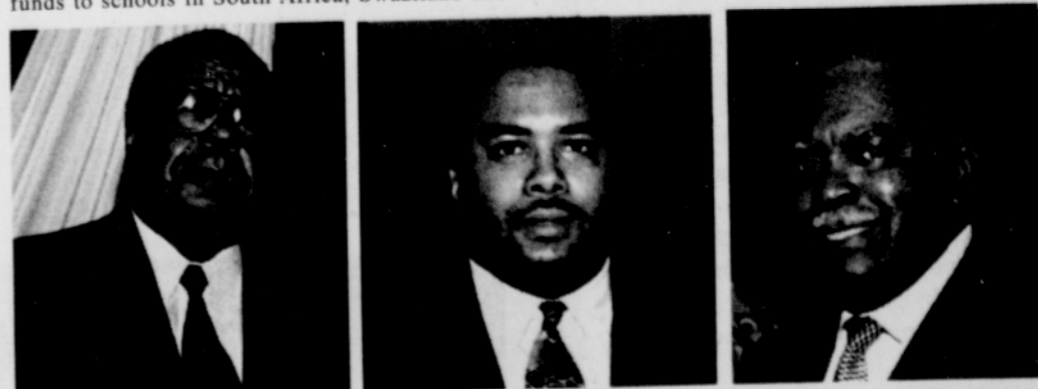
Zambia during a recent visit that coincided with Nelson Mandela's election as president of South Africa.

Cummings is currently in the process of acquiring the historic Afro Life Insurance Building in Jacksonville for office space, convention facilities and the opening of an African American Bank.

Dr. Robert Ingram, Mayor of Opa Locka, Fla., was the local leader in the field of politics, along with Rep. Kweisi Mfume, D-Md. Ingram served for 21 years as a police officer for the city of Miami and retired with the rank of lieutenant before becoming Chief of Police for Opa Locka from 1980 to 1985.

He holds a bachelor's and a master's degree from Florida International University and a Ph.D. in Applied Behavioral Science from the Union of Experimenting Colleges and Universities, Cincinnati, Ohio.

A former director of Adult Education Programs and Services at the Dade Community College, Ingram was elected mayor of Opa Locka in 1986. Earlier this year he was elected president of the National Conference of Black Mayors.



CONVENTION SUPPORTERS — Clarence J. Patterson, left, Chairman, USAACC; Mark V. Monteverdi, center, Manager, Public Programs, Philip Morris Companies Inc.; and Oscar J. Coffey, President, USAACC, assisted in convention planning. Topics included African American economic development and issues of trade in the United States and in the Caribbean. Monteverdi served as master of ceremonies for the "Spotlight on Leadership" Banquet. The Chamber presented an award to Philip Morris Companies Inc. for the company's continuing support.