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Los Angeles Southwest College to host Manchild Conference on February 25

Conference will offer self-help strategies to support and motivate all community members

The 17th Manchild Conference on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at the Los Angeles Southwest College campus will embrace the mission of developing strategies that address every aspect of empowerment for men of color from birth to manhood to fatherhood.

The comprehensive range of topics that have been selected to be discussed will aid students in education and technical career planning, home, school and work management. The workshops are also designed to assist parents, care providers, and public services agencies in the utilization of interventive and preventive methods for manchild development as well as aid educators and administrators in mentoring and modeling approaches to African-American and Latino American male retention in higher education. Young people will benefit from the development of a greater sense of responsibility, diversity, and in acquisition of survival skills necessary for private business and corporate industry.

The conference, which has helped more than 15,000 people to develop necessary strategies over the years, was created by a group of colleagues from Los Angeles Southwest College.

“We decided to embrace the mission of developing a strategies paradigm that addressed every aspect of African-American male empowerment from birth to manhood to fatherhood and the seasoned stage of life. By developing the paradigm, we minimize this notion of non-empowerment in our community,” says Dr. Earnestine Thomas-Robertson, Conference Committee member. “Because without an empowering paradigm we further cripple the development of all men of color and I believe we thereby cripple the development of America.”

Workshops will provide educational, occupational, social and economic strategies that cover a spectrum from global issues such as “International Business in Africa: The Continent In This Decade” to issues of local importance such as “Creating Greater Access for Homeless Men, Youth Males in Foster Care and

Veterans” to those impacting many on a personal basis such as “Climbing the Corporate Ladder: Trading Up Without Trading Out.”

The conference will include an outstanding list of speakers and facilitators, such as Dr. Tyrone C. Howard, Associate Dean for Equity & Inclusion at UCLA and Founder, Executive Director of the Black Male Institute at UCLA, who will serve as the keynote address speaker. Howard's work focuses on issues of race, diversity, and education in the context of equity.

“All of the speakers and facilitators understand the value of a constructive paradigm and not a negative paradigm,” Thomas-Robertson says. “This paradigm and its shifts will continue to facilitate another change that America needs in terms of understanding the importance of equity, understanding the importance of diversity and how we must embrace that in order for America to be the best that she can be. It takes lot of work over time, historically, and we have a lot more work to do.”

Registration for the Manchild Conference: Strategies For The Development of the African American Manchild Conference XVII starts at 7:30 a.m. February 25 or you can RSVP today at evite.me/PB7fcj3GYm.

About Los Angeles Southwest College

Founded in 1967, Los Angeles Southwest College serves more than 8,000 students with associate degree programs in 34 disciplines, occupational certificates in 47 disciplines, community services and ESL/citizenship classes. Coupled with a strong focus on student success, the campus has undergone a massive expansion and technological upgrade that will make it a model for community college education in the 21st Century. Los Angeles Southwest College is part of the Los Angeles Community College District. For more information, visit www.lasc.edu.