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RIVERSIDE SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE SCHEDULED TO SPEAK FOR THE “TECH-THEMED” 11TH ANNUAL YOUNG MEN’S CONFERENCE!

(Riverside, CA) April 12, 2018 - Riverside Community Health Foundation and the City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department will host the 11th Annual Young Men’s Conference at the Bourns Technology Center in Riverside, CA on April 25, 2018.

Over 200 high school aged young men from the Alvard, Jurupa, and Riverside Unified School Districts will participate in the one-day conference along with mentors, city council members and representatives from all three school districts! The focus of the conference is to provide young men with the necessary tools to realize and achieve their full potential.

The keynote speaker for this year’s conference will be the Honorable Riverside County Superior Court Judge, Otis Sterling III. Judge Sterling faced many obstacles during his upbringing; he grew up in a dysfunctional home, infiltrated with drugs, gangs and violence. However, he faced a series of choices much like many of the young men who will attend this conference. He rose above the negativity that plagued his life and ultimately graduated from college and law school.

After many years of service with the City of Riverside as the Deputy District Attorney, Sterling was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to hold the distinct honor of Superior Court Judge. Sterling was sworn in January 2012 and continues to serve today as Riverside County Superior Court Judge.

“His motivating life story exemplifies perseverance and will be a source of inspiration to the young men who attend this conference,” said Eileen Sanchez, Health Programs Coordinator for Riverside Community Health Foundation.

During the conference, young men have the chance to interact with successful businessmen, former athletes, law enforcement officials and politicians who once walked in their shoes. Multiple topics of interest are discussed in various break-out sessions along with presenters from diverse backgrounds who provide uplifting messages to encourage the future leaders of tomorrow.

“Students can remember [this event] for the rest of their lives,” shared Luis Medina, Assistant Principal at Norte Vista High School and Principal at Alvard Alternative Education Center. “I can attest to it; I’ve had graduate students visit and remind me just how positive and impactful this event was for them,” he continued. Medina has been a chaperone for the Young Men’s Conference for over 10 years, he noted seeing a positive difference in the youth he serves and appreciates the work of Riverside Community Health Foundation and the City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.

This year, the conference will explore technology and the innovative career options that encompass this field. Workshops will include a drone demonstration and hands-on involvement with displayed projects at the Bourns Technology Center.

Additional speakers will include Mista Pat with Project TechXploration, Taj Eldridge, Director of ExCITE Riverside and resident entrepreneur and Gordon Bourns, Chairman and CEO of Bourns, Inc.

The Young Men’s Conference will be a day of inspiring, motivating and providing the tools and resources for young men in the community to achieve their goals.

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