

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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Reverend Alfonso Wyatt (2011)



The Rev. Alfonso Wyatt has traveled the country with a message of hope to motivate individuals, communities of faith and members of private and public institutions addressing the plight of children, youth, young adults and families. His words, spoken from the heart, encourage, motivate and inspire all. He has mentored three generations of youth developers and professionals to effectively teach reach and nurture young people and adults. His 35+ years of service in the field allows him to pull stories and metaphors and deliver them in a passionate and at times humorous style that finds a good place in the hearts and minds of the listening audience.

Alfonso Wyatt joined the Fund for the City of New York to continue over three decades of service to youth, youth serving agencies, families and the broader community. He has worked as a counselor, youth advocate, educator, program developer, administrator, and national public speaker. Alfonso Wyatt has developed innovative initiatives that respond to the needs of young people in foster care, institutional settings, public schools, employment/training programs and faith-based projects. He has received numerous awards and accolades from his peers, mass media, civic groups, and faith community.

Alfonso Wyatt attended Howard University, Columbia's Teacher's College, The Ackerman Institute for Family Therapy, Columbia Institute for Non Profit Management, and New York Theological Seminary. He is an advisor to government, foundations, religious institutions, universities, youth-serving organizations and non-profits in New York and around the nation. Alfonso Wyatt is an ordained minister on the staff of The Greater Allen Cathedral of New York.

Rachel's Challenge (2011)



“I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion then it will start a chain reaction of the same.”- Rachel Scott

Each participant of the conference will attend the Rachel's Challenge session. In this highly inspirational and interactive session, students will be introduced to Rachel Scott, the first victim of the April 1999 Columbine High School tragedy. Powerful video/audio footage of Rachel's life and the Columbine tragedy will be used to educate and motivate students to promote positive change in the way they treat others.

This session will involve three or four schools at one time hearing and acting on the message and legacy of Rachel Scott. This promises to be a great session, and one that will allow participants to band together as a school community to create the school environment that they want to be a part of.



Keith Nord (2010)

In the summer of 1979, Keith Nord arrived at the Minnesota Vikings training camp as a walk-on. Although less than 5% of all walk-ons ever play in the NFL, Keith made the team and went on to become a Vikings captain in 1983. Keith played with the Vikings for seven years and was known for his savvy and determined hard hitting play. Keith earned five game balls- the highest compliment a player can receive from his teammates.

- Minnesota Viking Team Captain
- 1979 honors graduate of St. Cloud State University, School of Business
- SCSU Football Team Captain, Team MVP, All Conference, Glen Galligan Award Winner
- March of Dimes Citizen Athlete of the Year
- Muscular Dystrophy Citizen Athlete of the Year
- Nominated for NFL Man of the Year
- 1985 Ed Block Memorial Courage Award Winner



Dr. Hortense B. Hinton (2010)

As provost of the Manassas Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, Dr. Hortense Hinton manages all academic and student services at the Campus. Under her leadership, 68 full-time faculty, 125 adjunct faculty and 66 staff members serve more than 8,000 students in credit programs and 3,700 students in noncredit programs each year. Dr. Hinton joined NOVA in July 2000 as dean of students at the Alexandria Campus. Two years later, she was asked to serve as interim vice president for academic and student services, where she was responsible for college-wide leadership for all instructional, curricular and personnel issues related to academic affairs and student services programs. She was also the College's primary liaison to the Virginia Community College System, State Council of Higher Education in Virginia, and other federal and state agencies on matters relating to academic and student services. Prior to NOVA, Dr. Hinton held administrative positions at Germanna Community College, the University of Virginia and the University of the District of Columbia. During the last five years, Dr. Hinton has been responsible for managing considerable growth at the Manassas Campus, most notably by adding classroom space at Innovation Park in the fast-growing Bristow area of Prince William County. She also secured funding for a new 55,000-square-foot academic building to be constructed at the campus and named in honor of Harry J. Parrish, former delegate to the Virginia General Assembly. Believing college readiness begins early, Dr. Hinton placed career coaches in local high schools and expanded dual enrollment opportunities to allow teenagers to get a head start on college while completing high school. She also believes learning is a lifelong

journey and has nurtured several industry partnerships such as the robust on-site training program at Micron Technologies. Under her watch, technical programs have been developed to fulfill workforce needs in diesel technology and the thriving biotechnology industry. As a lifelong resident of Culpeper County, Dr. Hinton consults on projects at the Museum of Culpeper History and sits on the board of trustees for her church, Free Union Baptist. Dr. Hinton has served on the board of directors for the Prince William County-Greater Manassas Chamber of Commerce and the Prince William County Economic Development Council. Dr. Hinton is a regular member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' re-accreditation teams that visit community colleges throughout the southeastern region of the U.S. She is frequently asked to present speeches to colleges and professional organizations on topics related to student affairs, student development and leadership, as well as cultural diversity. She is also a workshop facilitator and conference and retreat organizer for women's groups on Christian and spiritual development topics. A mentor to several young women, she supports and encourages their educational goals and promotes their professional and career advancement. Dr. Hinton is listed in "Who's Who Among African Americans." She holds a doctorate in counselor education from the University of Virginia, a master's degree in counseling from the University of the District of Columbia, and a bachelor's degree in psychology from the State University of New York at Geneseo.



Stephen Peters (2009)
Giving Hope to At-Risk Students
Bio

Stephen is a VISIONARY and like so many other visionaries is guided by his spirit. Stephen has extraordinary ideas and a wonderful gift of inspiring those around him. His story of how divine inspiration guided him to create the Gentlemen's Club, a fast growing program for at-risk and borderline males in public schools, will save the lives of countless children who will then have a profound impact on the world and those around them. In his book, *Inspired to Learn: Why We Must Give Children Hope*, Stephen not only outlines his vision for the children in our schools he goes on to share how he and his staff turned their vision into operational strategies. His second book "Do You Know Enough About Me To Teach Me" is being used throughout the U.S. as an effective tool for reaching disadvantaged and at-risk youth. A charismatic and inspiring trainer/speaker, Peters is President/CEO of The Peters Group and partner with CaseNEX LLC, an on-line professional development company. Stephen has been a classroom teacher, assistant principal, principal and director of secondary education. He has been involved in the education field for over twenty years and most of his experiences have been in schools that made significant growth in short periods of time thus, resulting in both National and State Blue-Ribbon distinction. Peters has served on panels as an education expert with former U.S. Secretary of Education, Dr. Rod Paige in Washington, D.C. The focus of this nationally televised town meeting was education reform and effective intervention strategies for at-risk youth. His revolutionary mentoring and self-empowering program, The Gentlemen's Club, has been featured on The Oprah Winfrey Show as well as "America, America," which broadcasts to two million viewers in Portugal and Brazil.

Frances Harris (2009)

Frances Harris is currently the Executive Director of ACTS (Action in Community through Service), a local private nonprofit whose mission is to end homelessness, hunger, domestic violence and help people achieve self support in Prince William County. She has been involved with nonprofit human service agencies for over 20 years, first with the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, Outreach Coordinator at Holy Family Catholic Church and finally ACTS. She received a BA in International Studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and upon graduation was commissioned as a United States Marine lieutenant. She resigned as a Captain from the Marines, and spent the next 15 years traveling with her husband and two sons until her husband, Bill Harris, retired from the Marine Corps. She completed the Certificate for Nonprofit Management through George Mason University in December 2008. She and her family have lived in Prince William County 16 years.



Dr. Adolph Brown (2009)

Adolph is a recognized Master Teacher who has mastered how to manage the classroom and accelerate, in virtually all students, their ability to read, write, speak, focus, organize information, and succeed academically – regardless of special learning challenges, learning style, or age. ***Adolph is a trained anthropologist (holistic study of humanity) and clinical psychologist. Doc presently enjoys substitute teaching between his seminar and lecture schedule.***

Doc has taught in public education at both the middle and high school levels, as well as in higher education. Adolph began his teaching career at the College of William and Mary as a graduate teaching assistant to the late Professor of Anthropology, Dr. Mario Zamora. He then excelled as an adjunct professor at Tidewater Community College. After which, he was hired by Hampton University, an elite private Historically Black College and University (HBCU), as an Assistant Professor of Psychology/Education. He was later promoted to Associate Professor with tenure and several years later was promoted to a Full Professor. Since joining the Psychology and Psychology/Education faculty at Hampton University, Dr. Adolph Brown, III has taught virtually every course in the psychology curriculum, ranging from Statistics and Research Methods to the more clinically-focused and applied courses. He has served the department for more than a decade as an assistant professor, interim chairperson, associate professor, a tenured full professor, and department chairman. After resigning from the chair's position for two years and devoting time to teaching, public speaking, and research, he was called to return to the chair's position for a second time. Whereby, under his leadership the department grew to become the number one producer of African-American baccalaureates in Psychology and Psychology/Education in the country. As a result of Dr. Brown's initiatives, business and community relationships with the Department, the enrollment has almost doubled since the mid nineties. Dr. Adolph Brown was tapped and served as the Dean of the Graduate College prior to his sabbatical from higher education. He is an accomplished author of numerous publications and books. He has been the recipient of more than 300 honors and awards including the E.L. Hamm Distinguished Teaching Award, Honorary Man of Tomorrow, Service Learning Fellow, and Who's Who Among College and University Professors. Adolph recently was selected by the Board of Trustees from a pool of 27 candidates for the role of college president of a small college in Virginia. Adolph graciously declined due to concerns arising from his young daughter Dana's medical condition.