

Dare To Be King

Tampa Bay Academy of Hope
Weekend Retreat for Black Male Youth

January 28-30

Camp Blanding Stark, Florida

Service to Community and Country

Breakout Session

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Purpose of “Rites of Passage”

To pass on a Body of Knowledge from generation to generation

Purpose of this session is to

Acknowledge, affirm, and/or activate black males’ strengths to serve others.

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“What we have seen in the last 10 years is increasing concern among successful black men in terms of trying to **help other African American men succeed.**”

Dr. Courtland Lee

Being A Black Man at the Corner of Progress and Peril

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- “We do big things.” President Barack Obama
- “The future is not a gift. It is an achievement.”
Robert Kennedy

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- The call to serve others
- The Great Commission
- What holds you back?

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State of black male youth in America

The nation's young Black males are in a **state of crisis**.

They do not have the same opportunities ... Their infant mortality rates are higher.... They are more likely to live in single-parent homes As adults, Black males are less likely than their peers to be employed. At almost every juncture, the **odds are stacked against these young men** in ways that result in **too much unfulfilled potential** and too many fractured lives.

Michael Casserly
Executive Director
Council of the Great City Schools

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- The power of breathing air – you get to grow older
- The power of growing older – you get to show others where to go and what to do
- The power of making choices – you get to determine how and where you lead others
- The power of leading others – it matters to this one

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Immigrant Granddad's Memo to Grandson

"I soon learned that's **how everything works in America**," the grandfather told his grandson. "**Life is a cafeteria here**. You can get anything you want, even success. But you'll never get it if you wait for someone to bring it to you. **You have to get up and get it yourself.**"

Shared by Rose at Café Kili

"Our students will benefit as we move forward with the understanding that **the student is the key element** in the student's success."

Jason Mims

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Threats to America's security

- Who will “stand on the wall?”
- Who will cheer for those who stand on the wall?
- Who will make their sacrifices worth it?

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A Question of National Security

*“All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that **the fate of empires depends on the education of youth.**” -*

Aristotle

Reading, speaking, writing, foreign language
science, technology, engineering, and math

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- Navigate the complex and oftentimes challenging public education system
- Demonstrate academic excellence in key urban zip codes
- Follow the Golden Rule
- Recreate this picture





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