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PLANS PERKING FOR SUCCESS SUMMIT AND JAZZ BENEFIT

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Plans are well underway for this year's Success Summit and Jazz Benefit to be held on Saturday, **November 9** in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

As every year, the Success Summit will be held in the morning and will showcase research supported by **AASF**. The 2000 recipient of the **Lydia Donaldson Tuttle-Jones Memorial Research Grant**, **Ms. Zena Mello**, will present her study titled *The Relationship Between Future Ori-*

entation and Academic Achievement Among African American Adolescents. Ms. Mello is a doctoral student in Human Development and Family Studies at Pennsylvania State University.

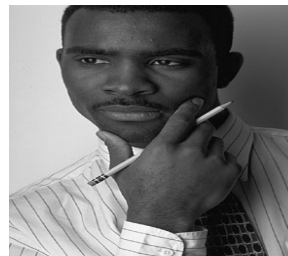
Following her presentation, a distinguished panel will join Ms. Mello to discuss the implications of her research. Panelists will include **Dr. Dorothy Holmes**, President of the South Florida Chapter of

the Association of Black Psychologists, **Dr. Richard Briscoe**, Professor of research on the strengths of African American families at the University of South Florida, **Mr. Alfred Campbell**, Assistant Regional Director of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, and **Myrielle Smith-Johnson, Esq.** of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

The morning's informal "think tank" will be

Academic Self-Concept Fostered By Supportive Educational Experience

Academic self-concept typically refers to the attitudes, feelings and perceptions about a person's intellectual or academic skills.



-concept is related in a positive and significant manner to grade point average.

Kevin Cokley at Southern Illinois Uni-

Studies have usually shown that academic self

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JAZZ BENEFIT TO SWING AT ALL-SUITES HOTEL THIS YEAR

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SUCCESS SUMMIT AND JAZZ BENEFIT

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summarized by the keynote address of **Mr. Geoffrey Canada**, President and Chief Executive Officer of the renowned Harlem Children's Zone, formerly known as the Rheedlan Center for Children and Families.



Mr. Canada is the acclaimed author of the books *Fist Stick Knife Gun: A Personal History of Violence in America* and *Reaching Up for Manhood*, and is nationally recognized for the success of his organization in working with youth and community development.

Also joining the Success Summit this year will be the members of **Women and Welfare**. **AASF** takes great pride in reporting that the women who participated in the research highlighted at last year's

Success Summit accepted **AASF**'s challenge that they harness the great intelligence, expertise and common experience as successful overcomers of former welfare status so that others could benefit from their significant accomplishments. Getting an opportunity to meet each other when they attended the *Success Summit* to attest to the strategies that enabled them to get where they are today, they have now formed the Women and Welfare organization that will be offering activities of its own at this year's Success Summit. *Stay tuned for more details!* The *Success Summit* will be held at the new **African-American Research Library and Cultural Center** which is scheduled to open in Fort Lauderdale in the Fall.

Ending the day with great excitement, **Lou Donaldson** will headline another Jazz Benefit to help **AASF** raise funds so that it can continue to build its information

and research programs. **Dr. Lonnie Smith** also will donate his famed organ sounds to bring you an unforgettable experience reminiscent of the old "Blue Note Record Days".



The event will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites on Fort Lauderdale's famous Intracoastal Waterway — also known as the "Venice of America" — and will be the site of **AASF**'s fun-filled silent auction. Guests delighted in bringing home many celebrity items last year. Look forward to even more this time!

Summit and Jazz Benefit will be available in future newsletters and on the web site at <http://BlackSuccessFoundation.org>.

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gible help. **AASF** produces and provides its web site, newsletters, and grant program through the sole efforts of volunteers and can do even more with help.

Activities such as the national *Success Summit*, the Jazz Benefit, and the Silent Auction also take place as a result of volunteers. Of course, **AASF's** Board of Directors donate their time and resources, and welcome others to get involved with the organization.

Corporations and community groups that serve as sponsors for the *Success Summit* and/or Jazz

Benefit enjoy the opportunity to assist in highlighting African American success through the dissemination of meaningful research results, generation of informal think tank insights, and in raising financial support so that more broad-based research can take place in the future. In return, **AASF** is pleased to provide public recognition to your company via event signage and acknowledgement in printed materials.

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ATTENDING THE SUCCESS SUMMIT AND JAZZ BENEFIT? Make Your Travel Plans Now!

This year's Success Summit and Jazz Benefit will be held on **November 9**, which will fall on the Veteran's Day holiday weekend. Many of you told us that you wished you had more time to spend escaping the cold of your hometown while visiting with us in Florida, so this year you will have a long weekend to do so — and in a fabulous hotel location!



DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel

The host hotel for this year's event is the **DoubleTree Guest Suites—Galleria**, located on Fort Lauderdale's famed Intracoastal Waterway where elegant yachts sail past in a daily parade.

Often referred to as the "Venice of America", the Intracoastal Waterway sports a water taxi that can take you to many sight-seeing attractions, eateries, and watering holes by just hopping on right outside the hotel lobby. The hotel is only two short

blocks from Fort Lauderdale's famous beaches, convenient to the city's business district and seven miles from the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport. And, Fort Lauderdale has no shortage of recreational activities, such as deep-sea fishing, scuba diving, championship golf, tennis, and sporting events.

Across the street from the hotel is the famed Galleria Mall, known for its upscale shopping. Save time to browse trendy designer shops as well as department stores like Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue and Burdines. By car, you can shop the exclusive boutiques of the legendary Las Olas Boulevard, or shop 'til you drop at one of the country's



largest outlet malls, Sawgrass Mills Mall — well-known for bargains from designer shops of all kinds.

The Success Summit and Jazz Benefit planning committee has negotiated a conference rate for its attendees of \$108.00 per room per night. But no simple

hotel room this year. All rooms are one bedroom suites!

Rooms offer guests a scenic view of the Atlantic Ocean, Intracoastal Waterway or the City Skyline and include a spacious bedroom, living room with sleeper sofa, dining area and a full kitchen. With relaxation on the mind, your body will feel pampered while lying next to the pool's heated pool overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway or soaking in the Jacuzzi. Enjoy a tropical beverage on the patio watching the yachts and sailboats go by. Hotel dining is available and a full service concierge is on site.

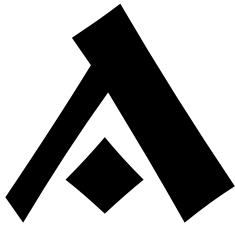
Conference rates will be available until October 24, but only a limited number of rooms are assigned to **AASF** so if you think you will be attending, make a reservation to hold a room in your name. You will be asked to leave a credit card number, but no charges will be made on your card until the date of the event and, of course, you can always cancel the reservation if you find that you cannot attend after all.

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Save the Date

**Saturday, November 9
2002 Success Summit and Jazz Benefit**



College Students Must Develop Effective Networking Skills



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versity at Carbondale conducted a study focusing on African American college students that found that students exhibit positive academic self-concept while attending both historically Black colleges (HBCU) and universities as well as predominantly White colleges and universities (PWCU). However, students attending HBCU's "reported higher GPA's, more positive quality of student-faculty relationships, and more positive perceptions about evaluations of Black student academic performance"¹ even though their academic self-concept was not significantly different from those attending other institutions.

Further examination of this reveals that HBCU's help even students with lower GPA's maintain positive academic self-concept because of the

supportive educational environment. "This supportive environment offers opportunities for friendships with teachers and staff members who serve as role models. Equally important, many students attending HBCU's feel a sense of success in their academic pursuits, which is more likely to gain the attention of faculty members."²

Cokley emphasizes that a supportive community can be developed in other educational environments as well but underscores the important role that having positive student-faculty interactions has upon the facilitation of a strong, positive academic self-concept in African American students — particularly in environments where there may be fewer Black faculty.

The author emphasizes the need for African American college students to develop effective networking skills. "For students who have a difficult time talking to and connecting with faculty members, it is especially important for them to develop their interpersonal skills in such a way as to develop positive relationships with faculty members...This means that African American students need to have the interpersonal skills to develop good relationships with White and other non-Black faculty members."⁴

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