The Struggle continues...

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Michael Coard gave me a head's up about two of his guests on his WURD Radio Courtroom show which airs every Sunday from 11am to 1pm. This past Sunday Dr. Earl Richardson and Pace McConkie were guests on his program. We know both men because they are principles in the Coalition for Equity and Excellence in Maryland Higher Education and they were/are huge supporters of Heeding Cheyney's Call in our attempts to redress the same higher education and civil rights issues they have been working to resolve in Maryland.

Dr. Richardson served as president of Morgan State University in Baltimore for twenty-six years and Pace McConkie is an award winning civil rights attorney and one of the attorneys for CEEMHE. They have been in court for almost fourteen years working to resolve the issues of state sanctioned discrimination, privation and disparity in Maryland higher education on behalf of: Bowie, Coppin, Morgan and University of Maryland Eastern Shore (formerly known as Maryland State).

Michael had them on his program to speak about recent developments in their ongoing lawsuit and provide his listeners with an update on the struggle to save HBCUs. Both Dr. Richardson and Mr. McConkie have first hand involvement and knowledge in this situation and proved to be excellent expert witnesses if you will to discuss this matter.

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because they are on the front lines and principles in the law-

They filed their lawsuit in 2006 but prior to that they had worked with the US Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights to remedy and rectify decades of de jure and de facto discriminatory policies. In many ways the Maryland lawsuit was a continuation of the historic lawsuit filed by Mississippi parents, civil rights and higher education activists that alleged Mississippi had not done enough to dismantle the de jure segregation policies in their state university system.

The US Supreme Court ruled eight to one in favor of the plaintiffs. This case known as *United States v. Fordice* also known as *Ayers v. Musgrove* set a precedent in higher education civil rights cases. One of the issues raised in that case was duplication of programs by traditionally white institutions which when coupled with unequal funding negatively impacted Mississippi HBCUs Alcorn State, Jackson State and Mississippi Valley State's ability to attract students to their schools.

In the Ayers case Mississippi agreed to pay five hundred

million dollars to remedy its two tiered discriminatory state system of higher education.

The settlement required Mississippi to pay two hundred forty six million dollars over seventeen years for academic programs at the three black universities (Alcorn State, Jackson State and Mississippi Valley State) seventy-five million to be spent on capital improvement projects over a five-year period, seventy million in public endowments and thirty-five million in private endowments will be provided for the institutions over a fourteen year span.

The Coalition for Equity and Excellence in Maryland Higher Education raised these exact same issues in their lawsuit as they presented ample evidence Maryland failed to dismantle its two tiered discriminatory system. The US District Court concurred with their position.

Dr. Richardson stated that it was through the active support of the Maryland Black legislators that their efforts are starting to bear fruit. The Federal District Court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs and ordered them to resolve the issues among themselves. However the state and CEEMHC have been unable to reach mutual agreement. Recently a Maryland law maker introduced legislation that would compel the commonwealth to spend five hundred eighty million

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"The Office of the Sheriff postpones Tax Liens Sales and Evictions due to COVID-19"

On Thursday, March 12, 2020 Sheriff Rochelle Bilal petitioned the Court to allow the postponement of Tax Lien Sales and Evictions for March 2020. The tax lien sales scheduled for March 18, 2020, March 24, 2020 and March 26, 2020 have been postponed as a result of COVID-19 health concerns and restrictions issued by Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf.

These tax sales gather hundreds of people and out of an abundance of caution, the sales have been postponed. At present, April 1, 2020 the suspensions will be revisited, and a determination will be made if it is safe to resume sales.

The Evictions procedure will be followed by every Sheriff Deputy as followed per Sheriff Rochelle Bilal:

- In the event that the Courts are closed due to COVID-19 the Philadelphia Sheriff's Office will NOT serve notices of eviction.
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evictions.

- In the event the Courts are closed due to COVID-19 the Philadelphia Sheriff's Department will NOT serve Bank Writs and/or Garnishments.
- In the event the Courts are closed due to COVID-19 the Philadelphia's Sheriff's Office will NOT perform ANY bank or Writ EXECUTIONS.

Sheriff Rochelle Bilal, "Considering COVID-19 has placed the citizens of the commonwealth in a critical time, we are determined to assist in the efforts of all government agencies in protecting every citizen of Pennsylvania. We ask that the public continue to follow the rules and procedures of The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and The Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH)".

We ask the public to monitor www.Phillysheriff.com for continuous and updated information.

ACHIEVEability cancels its Spring Fundraiser

ACHIEVEability canceled its spring fundraiser, Give and Groove, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

While we were disappointed at having to make this decision, we do not take this situation lightly. The health and safety of our guests and staff is of utmost importance to us.

ACHIEVEability's annual fundraising event is a critical source of unrestricted funding, and in these extraordinary circumstances, our services are more important than ever. Canceling this event has a

direct impact on the funds ACHIEVEability relies on to carry out our important work of breaking the cycle of poverty for West Philadelphians.

While all of our lives have been disrupted, the community we serve is disproportionately impacted and is experiencing loss of employment, food insecurity and childcare challenges. They are fearful of what the future holds for them. We're asking all of our supporters to dig deeper at this critical moment. Key needs are:

• Housing and Basic Needs: Families are falling behind on household expenses and will need support to pay rent, utility bills and buy food.

• Employment: Many families have experienced terminations, layoffs or reduced hours. We are actively working with them to provide access to unemployment benefits, budgeting support and new job opportunities as needed.

 Coaching Team: Our coaches have successfully navigated the transition to working remotely and are available during normal business hours.

The families we serve often lack strong social supports. Having our coaching team as a resource during these uncertain times is vital to helping families survive this crisis. Coaches have provided academic and recreation activities for children, connected households to food, served as emotional support and helped families navigate the internet and technology challenges. Next week, we will start of-

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Retirement Planning 101 with Social Security

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We provide important information that you should know. Have you considered:

- o When you should apply for retirement?
- o What documents you need to provide?
- o Which factors may affect your retirement benefits?
- o What you should remember to do after you retire?

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fering virtual programming focused on stress management, fitness, financial education and youth activities.

We have been in contact with our sponsors and ticket buyers requesting that, in light of the event's cancellation, they continue to support ACHIEVEability in this difficult time.

If you had planned to support ACHIEVEability's Give and Groove through purchasing tickets, participating in on-site games and donating, please consider honoring your commitment to ACHIEVEability by giving at *www.achieveability.org*. Your support is needed now more than ever.

We're grateful to all of you for your ongoing commitment to our work, especially in this time of need, and look forward to bringing this event back in 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact rstaffieri@achieveability.or



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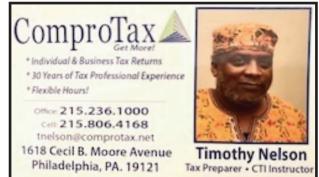
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Preventive measures

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uate Healthcare Club and through interviews and article archival retrieval surrounding Dr. Loretta Sweet Jemmott, Vice President for Health and Health Equity at the Drexel University's College of Nursing and Health.

Growth and development is a suggest for further conversation regarding how people, places and things can be the manifested destiny for creative problem solving. I am most interested in the encouragement provided by Robert A. Davis who presents in his book S.O.W . (Seeking Opportunities to Win) the idea that "People should look past that which is before them to see what is beyond them". More details is available to be a winner beyond all causes, struggles and epidemics by making an individual or group inquiry through the purpose driven directives of email contact at seekingopportunitiestowin@gmail.com or robwrites@gmail.com



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