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OUR MISSION AND VISION

We seek to create a center in Mt. Vernon that will provide students with access and exposure to enriched STEM learning that can empower them with the desire, motivation and skills needed to pursue careers as doctors, scientists, technologists and engineers. We seek to provide these children and children from the region with access and exposure to enhanced, challenging STEM learning that when coupled with hard work and persistence will allow them to break through existing barriers and achieve life success.

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Welcome and Introduction of Master of Ceremonies.....

Dr. Roberta Harris

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Master of Ceremonies.....Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson

Grace Baptist Church

Video and Music

NSSA’s Board Chairman’s RemarksRobert Holland Jr.

Dinner is Served- Video and Music

Leadership Awards – NSSA Educators.....Dr. Gerald Ardito, Rick Beckerman, Raj Prakash, John Golden, Dr. Shannon Burton, Master Teacher Richard Slesinski, Dr. Sunyata Smith



Neil deGrasse Tyson is an American astrophysicist, author, and science communicator.

Leadership Awards – NSSA Supporters.....Dr. Kenneth R. Hamilton, Dr. Margaret Honey, Tierney Saccavino, Dr. Richard Torres, Kenneth Theobalds

NSSA’s Executive Director RemarksGerald D. Dennis

Leadership Awards – NSSA Students.....Messiah Brown, Aldo Cerventes, Victoria Gomez-Small, Julian Orozco, Jonte Williams

Dessert is Served - Video and Music

Closing Remarks..... Mark Grein

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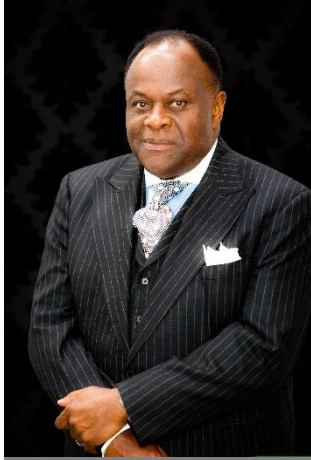
Our Mission

Introduce the marvels of science to children on a systematic, frequent and regularly scheduled basis, enabling at-risk students to experience, explore and personalize the resulting discoveries. Science centers embedded in the community, embraced by the school system and freely available to children, parents and teachers alike have proven to be successful interveners needed in the metropolitan and impoverished areas around the country. We seek to create a center that will provide students with access and exposure to enriched STEM learning that can empower them with the desire, motivation and skills needed to pursue careers as doctors, scientists, technologists and engineers.

Our Vision

To provide children attending public schools in Mt. Vernon and children from the region with access and exposure to enhanced, challenging STEM learning that when coupled with hard work and persistence will allow them to break through existing barriers and achieve life success.

The Northeast STEM Starter Academy at Mt. Vernon extends our heartfelt thanks to all of our friends, supporters and students. We look forward to sharing a future brightened by our pledge to make a difference.



Franklyn Richardson, Master of Ceremonies, NSSA Board Member

Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson is senior pastor of the historic Grace Baptist Church in Mount Vernon, New York. He has been the head of this vibrant, diverse, multi-staffed ministry since April 1975. Under his leadership, the congregation has continually thrived, growing to include more than 4000 members as well as a second church in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

A longtime community builder and organizer, Dr. Richardson has played a pivotal role in the grassroots efforts of reestablishing a cultural bridge between community and education. He is singularly responsible for leveling the ground by fighting for equitable opportunities in public education in the Mount Vernon community, and he has manned the front lines in the battle for just and affordable housing development. His steadfast efforts have resulted two Grace Church–related community development corporations that have constructed more than \$100 million in affordable housing to date.

This distinguished theologian is an internationally sought-after preacher, lecturer, and facilitator, having preached on several continents. For the past 30 years, he has been heard throughout the tri-state area on WVOX radio and is viewed on national television every Sunday morning. He is the author of the widely acclaimed *Power of the Pew* and has written extensively on faith-based community developments. Of note: *Mission to Mandate* in the National Urban League’s *State of Black America*. In addition to such articles, Dr. Richardson’s most powerful sermons can be found in publications including *Keep the Faith* (Welcome Rain Publishers) and *Joy to the World* (Simon & Schuster).

Dr. Richardson currently serves as a director or trustee for Pepsi Cola (ethnic advisory board), the Ujamaa Community Development Corporation, the Harvard University Divinity School Summer Leadership Institute for Church-based Community and Economic Development, Comcast Corporation and NBC Universal Joint Diversity Council, and Grace Community Development Corporation. He is chairman of the board of the National Action Network, the Conference of National Black Churches, *American Legacy Magazine*, and Virginia Union University.

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Robert “Bob” Holland, Jr

Having grown up in the mostly segregated town of Albion, Michigan, Mr. Holland’s road to his diverse corporate career - began with a twenty-six-hour bus-ride to Union College in Schenectady, NY, where he received a degree in mechanical engineering, (and later his MBA, at night from Baruch College, CCNY). He was the successful owner of several failing businesses and wound up with stints in the boardrooms of several U.S. corporations – the last of which was Carver Bank, and several global corporations. Most recently he was a Managing Partner and Advisory Board member of ESSEX Lake Group, LLC, a Black-owned, global profit enhancement firm, that specializes in the application of granular-level modeling and analytics techniques applied to “Big Data”. Just prior to these initiatives, he was a General Partner with the Black owned private equity firm of CSW in NYC. Until April 2001, He was owner & CEO of WorkPlace Integrators (WPI), a Steelcase distributor (and a turn-around challenge).

Prior to WPI, Mr. Holland was President and CEO of Ben & Jerry’s, the Vermont-based ice cream company. Prior to Ben & Jerry’s Mr. Holland served as CEO of Rokher-J, Inc. a New York based holding company for providing strategy development assistance to senior management of major corporations. Prior to this he was CEO and major stock holder of Gilreath Manufacturing, Inc., an automotive parts supplier, and CEO and principal owner of City Marketing, a corporation whose primary business was a successfully restructured beverage distribution company in Michigan, during which time he also founded the “Make a Difference” anti-dropout program in the Detroit, Michigan school system.

Earlier, Mr. Holland was a partner with McKinsey & Company, Inc, during which he assisted clients in developing long-term growth strategies or to achieve a turnaround in performance. Although based in New York, he spent extensive time in McKinsey’s Amsterdam, London, and Cleveland offices, (living in Amsterdam, with his family for 2 years). He also completed extended engagements in Mexico and Brazil.

Mr. Holland chaired the Board of Trustees of Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia, for 10 years, serving as a trustee for 25 years. He also served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Cranbrook School, the Henry Ford Health System; the Children’s Aid Society of NY, the Business Advisory Board to the NCAA, and the Board of the Research Corporation (a foundation based in Tucson, AZ devoted to the advancement of science and technology). He also served as Chairman (and then Vice-Chair) of the board of the Harlem Jr. Tennis & Education Program for almost thirty years and is currently chairman of the board of the National STEM Starter Academy in Mount Vernon, NY.

He also has served on the corporate boards of Lexmark, International, the Olin Corporation, The MONY Group, AC Nielsen Company, Frontier Communications, YUM Brands, Neptune Orient Lines (Singapore), the Ethnic Advisory board of PepsiCo, Inc., and the Business Advisory Board of the Department of Defense, located in the Pentagon in Washington, DC.

He holds three honorary degrees: Doctor of Laws from Union University, Schenectady, N.Y. and University of Vermont; and a Doctorate of Business from Bryant College in Providence, R.I.



***Lowell Fitzgerald Hawthorne, OD, LL.D (Hon.),
D.Litt. (Hon.)***

Lowell Fitzgerald Hawthorne, author, chef, and entrepreneur extraordinaire was the co-founder, chief executive officer and chairman of Golden Krust Caribbean Bakery & Grill, the nations' largest Caribbean franchise chain. His wealth of experience, and a solid record of achievement as an accountant, entrepreneur, and philanthropist earned him the distinction of becoming a respected figure in the American business landscape.

Lowell Hawthorne graduated from Oberlin High School and Grantham College in Jamaica before migrating to the United States in 1981. He was employed as an accountant at the New York Police Department while pursuing studies at Bronx Community College. He later studied Business Administration at Baruch and Lehman Colleges and was a product of the City University of New York system.

In 1989 his strong sense of family and a desire to create economic stability for his dependents led him, along with his wife Lorna, his brothers, sisters and their spouses, to open a Jamaican baked goods retail outlet selling breads, buns, and pastries on East Gun Hill Road in the Bronx, New York. The bakery grew rapidly and soon gave birth to several other outlets in the New York metropolitan area.

In 1996 Golden Krust became the first Black-owned Caribbean business in the U.S. to be granted a franchise license. Lowell's fervor for business growth was still not to be tamed, he was convinced that he could make the Jamaican Patty the rival of the American burger. It was from this, that the company's vision, to take the taste of the Caribbean to the world was born.

The Golden Krust franchise concept expanded rapidly over the years. Today, Golden Krust is an international brand, operating over 120 restaurants in ten States and providing employment for over 1,500 people system-wide. Along with the success in franchising, Golden Krust has made extensive inroads with its retail division. Its Jamaican frozen patties can be found in over twenty-thousand supermarkets and retail outlets nationwide; including Costco, Wal-Mart and Dollar Tree.

The success of Golden Krust is attributed to Lowell's visionary leadership as president and chief executive officer for twenty-nine years. During this time, Golden Krust caught the attention of major media players such as Fox 5 News, WABC-TV, New York 1 and on CNN. It was extensively featured in Forbes Magazine, The New York Times, New York Daily News, Emerge, QSR Magazine, Black Enterprise Magazine, Crain's New York Business Magazine and several local and community newspapers.

Lowell's outstanding business acumen also earned him several honours, including one of the highest Jamaican National Honor's – the Order of Distinction for service to Commerce and Community Development. He was also chosen as Man of the Year by the North American Gleaner. Lowell also received numerous prestigious awards from private and non-profit organizations for his invaluable contribution to the Caribbean Diaspora in the US and for his work in the community. Most recently, in 2016, Lowell was also featured on the two-time Emmy Award-winning reality show, "Undercover Boss". Lowell also authored his biography "The Baker's Son" – a gripping narrative which chronicles his profound journey from Jamaica to the United States and the development of a small Jamaican business into a highly successful American business empire.

Ever mindful of the need for young people to receive an education, Lowell Hawthorne inaugurated the Mavis & Ephraim Hawthorne Golden Krust Foundation which provides scholarships, annually to deserving high school seniors on their way to college. Also benefitting from his annual philanthropic efforts are the Bronx Community College and the University of the West Indies.

Lowell's legacy will live on through the leadership skills and vision shared with his family. Lowell firmly believed that "If we fail to educate our people, we run the risk of depriving our communities of social, political and economic empowerment".



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Dr. Shannon Burton- Dr. Burton received two Associate degrees and one Bachelor's degree from Berkeley College majoring in Business Administration and Hotel and Restaurant Management. In addition, he received his Master's Degree in Science and Education from Lehman College specializing in Business Education a Master's Degree in Information Technology and a Master's Degree in Mathematics Education from Drury University. He earned his Ph.D. in Educational

Administration and Master's in Business Administration in Marketing from Capella University. His doctoral research included studying secondary school dropout rates to see what educational administrators can do to prevent this epidemic. Additionally, he has a graduate certification in School and Business Administration from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.

Dr. Burton is a New York State certified school business and school district administrator in addition he is certified as a mathematics educator. Dr. Burton received a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Columbia University majoring in Health Care Management. Dr. Burton was a public-school math teacher in Yonkers, New York teaching a variety of math classes for eight years. He then went on to be an assistant principal for mathematics and public relations at the same high school he taught mathematics for those eight years. Dr. Burton is a former middle school principal for a large school in an inner-city school district in the state of New York and is currently the Director of Secondary Education for a school district in New Jersey. He also serves as a visiting professor for various local universities in New York, teaching a variety of graduate and undergraduate level educational, business and mathematics courses. Dr. Burton loves to cook for his friends and family in addition to playing basketball for local leagues.



Richard Slesinski- Educator Slesinski earned his MS in Physics Education from SUNY New Paltz. In the classroom 30 years, Mr. Slesinski teaches Advanced Placement Physics at Syosset High School. His primary focus is to foster a classroom environment conducive to learning and promoting excellent collaboration between students, parents, and himself. He enjoys engaging his students by creating cooperative learning opportunities which provide them with ownership in the lessons. Mr.

Slesinski continues to expand his knowledge through his participation with "Quarknet," a national program sponsored by the National Science Foundation promoting collaboration between PhD physicists and high school physics teachers and students. Mr. Slesinski combined his passion for playing the accordion and his love of physics by working as a full time research assistant at Bard College for four summers focusing on the physics of musical instruments. He is an active member of the Science Teachers Association of New York State, the Long Island Sectional Representative of the American Association of Physics Teachers, and on the Executive Board of the Long Island Physics Teachers Association. In 2014, Mr. Slesinski was accepted into the New York State Master Teacher Program. The primary focus of New York State Master Teachers is to share their craft with the next generation of science educators.



Dr. Gerald Ardito – PACE University Dr. Ardito has been working in Education for almost three decades. His experience includes adult education, adolescent Biology, and most recently higher education. As an Assistant Professor in the School of Education at Pace University in New York City, he has been responsible for its Adolescent Science Teacher Preparation and Educational Technology programs. His research interests include the development of self-directed, technology-enhanced learning environments.



Sunyata Smith- Dr. Smith is currently a faculty member in the Middle and High School Science Education Department at Lehman College, CUNY. She has a PhD from Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Microbiology and Immunology and over a decade of scientific research experience. Research projects that she has conducted while at Albert College of Medicine and during her post-doctoral fellowship at University of North Carolina Medical School include: (1) researching the effects of soy and cruciferous vegetables on prostate cancer (2) researching the effects of a high omega-3 diet on inflammation and (3) researching the effects of mindfulness on African Americans with pre-diabetes.

Due to her deep abiding belief that proper education is key to unlocking the door of inequality, in 2012 Dr. Smith transitioned into the field of education by volunteering for Teach for America, a non-profit organization that is committed to the mission of closing the achievement gap. As a volunteer for Teach for America Dr. Smith taught for two years in under-resourced public schools in Harlem and Brooklyn before joining the Middle and High School Education Department at Lehman College.

Currently at Lehman College Dr. Smith teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses in the Science Education Department and the Biology Department. She is co-principal investigator on a National Science Foundation (NSF) Grant to train math and science teachers in effective methods of teaching English Language, she has designed an innovative high school course in computer science that will feature 3D game development and 3D interactive application design and has developed and taught an innovative high school STEM course that creatively fuses together

science, mindfulness, culturally relevant pedagogy and restorative circles. Additionally, Dr. Smith has implemented a number of mindfulness-based training opportunities for high school teachers, college students and faculty members and has designed a groundbreaking science course entitled the mind body connection that investigates the scientific pathways that link the mind to the body. Currently she is preparing a manuscript for publication that will highlight the profound impact that learning about the mind body connection has had on students' lives. Her long abiding passion is to facilitate a revolution in education that takes into account the paramount importance of a holistic education.

To this end she shares this quote:

“There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning”. – Jiddu Krishnamurti

During the months of February and March 2017, the NSSA engaged a group of 10th and 11th graders to participate in our first Introduction to Aviation Program. The six-week, Saturday program included an aviation module delivered by NSSA friend and pilot- Rick Beckerman, a APP development module with instruction by PACE University education-Dr. Gerald Ardito and a Mentorship module that included STEM Career Professionals from IBM, Acorda, Regeneron and Cardiologist, Dr. Thomas Price of Mt. Vernon sharing the life and career. By all measures, the class was a success and included two students, each receiving a \$10,000 scholarship to address all cost of their pursuing their pilot's license. The scholarships were made possible by friends of instructor Rick Beckerman- John Golden and Raj Prakash.

John Golden is the Executive Vice President and a Board of Director with Stephen Gould Corporation headquartered in Whippany, New Jersey. The company is a privately owned multi-generation provider of packaging materials and systems for industrial and customer products, supporting safe product transport, and point of sale branding packaging to best in class customers in a global platform. Through the exposure to over 600 employees, John has seen the contributions possible by dedicated people trained with interpersonal, social, and technical skills.

John has been recently introduced to the NSSA program in Mt Vernon and is committed as a Corporate sponsor to its fundamental ideals and purpose. The combined efforts of the students, educators and parents deserve to be supported and recognized for the life-long contributions these opportunities afford our children.

John Golden's Message

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations to the students and parents engaged in the STEM programs through NSSA at Mt Vernon. Your work in these programs is inspirational to your parents and peers, and the skills you learn today will be remembered and practiced by you throughout your lives in all your endeavors. Please continue your pursuits with the same intensity and desire you exhibit today. The Mission and Vision of the program can only continue to succeed as you continue to excel in it. The educators supporting you are justly proud of the fine young men and women you are becoming.



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Tierney Saccavino- Acorda Therapeutics-

Tierney is the Executive Vice President of Corporate Communications at Acorda Therapeutics, a biotechnology company developing therapies that restore function and improve the lives of people living with neurological disorders. Her group is responsible for developing and maintaining relationships with patient advocacy organizations, as well as media relations, investor relations, thought leadership, social media and philanthropic giving. Tierney also manages Acorda's Creative and Digital Strategies departments. She has worked at Acorda for 20 years and is a member of its executive management team. Before joining Acorda Tierney had over 10 years' experience in public relations, marketing, and corporate communications. She attended the University of Connecticut in Storrs, Connecticut.



Dr. Margaret Honey, Dr. Honey joined the New York Hall of Science (NYSCI) as President and CEO in November of 2008. Under her leadership, NYSCI has adopted Design-Make-Play as its signature strategy to promote STEM engagement and learning. The defining characteristics of these strategies – open-ended exploration, imaginative learning, personal relevance – are the very ingredients that develop inspired and passionate STEM learners. She holds a doctorate in developmental psychology from

Columbia University and serves as a board member of the National Science Foundation's Education and Human Resources Advisory Committee, the Scratch Foundation, the Concord Consortium, and Post University.



DR. KENNETH R. HAMILTON

Dr. Kenneth R. Hamilton is a graduate of Seton Hall University (undergraduate and graduate). He has also taken advanced courses at Jersey City State University. He completed leadership institutes at Harvard University and Princeton University, before completing doctoral studies at Nova Southeastern University.

Originally a Special Education teacher in Newark, NJ, Dr. Hamilton later became that district's Resource Teacher, bridging the gap between special education and general education instructional practices. After leaving Newark Public Schools, he became Vice Principal at Hubbard Middle School in Plainfield, NJ where he implemented the first Middle Schools of Choice program designed to develop career academies for middle school students with a focus on the performing arts, math and science, humanities and business as an alternative to the traditional failing middle school program. Upon being recognized for his ability to initiate change and spearhead improved student outcomes, he was promoted to Principal of Clinton Elementary School where he implemented one of the first mandatory school uniforms policies in the State of NJ and increased student performance by 83% in 4 years.

After subsequent leadership as the Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Cherry Hill, NJ, and Superintendent of Schools in Westampton Public Schools (where he gained recognition for implementation of programs designed to improve student outcomes), Dr. Hamilton led as the Superintendent of Schools in Monroe Township, NJ. During his successful tenure there, he implemented the largest 1:1 iPad initiative on the East Coast, successfully managed district reconfiguration including the opening of a new state of the art high school, developed and implemented the district's strategic plan, co-authored Senate Bill S2307 and presented before the NJ State Senate to justify the need for support of this proposal for equitable state funding for the children of Monroe. Since 2014, He has served as the Superintendent of the Mount Vernon City School District, leading its reconfiguration transformation through a dynamic "20/20 Vision for Excellence" which includes reconfiguration of schools to preK-8, reinstating arts programming, and raising student achievement through whole school reform.

In his spare time Dr. Hamilton is an avid movie goer and developed a company designed to provide young artists the opportunity to gain entry into the fine and performing arts arena through various apprenticeships.



Dr. Richard Torres- Regeneron, Richard Torres was born in NYC and lived in Puerto Rico from the ages of 5 to 14 years old. He returned to NYC and attended George Washington High School in Washington Heights. Richard then went on to Hunter College and obtained a B.A. degree in Biology. He received a Ph.D. from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1996 on work related to genes that cause cancer. After Einstein, Richard went to Regeneron Pharmaceuticals as a Post-Doctoral fellow, where he studied cell signaling and neuroscience. Following his Post-Doctoral position, Richard was promoted to a Scientist at Regeneron.

Through the years while at Regeneron, Richard has worked on numerous pre-clinical projects related to obesity, neurological diseases, inflammation, pain, etc. Richard is currently a Senior Staff Scientist in the Target Information Group. He analyzes scientific literature, patents, and databases to gather information on mechanisms of action of gene products during diseases, competitive intelligence of medicines, clinical trial developments, etc. Richard then presents his findings to members of the Regeneron team so that determinations may be made as to whether future research will take place.



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- Hudson River Museum
- Family Service of Yonkers
- Yonkers Partners in Education
- Sister to Sister International
- Boys & Girls Club of Mt. Vernon
- NY Coalition for the Homeless
- Family Service Society of Yonkers
- Legal Services of the Hudson Valley
- NY Urban League
- Westchester Act-So
- Today's Students, Tomorrow's Teachers
- Guidance Center of Westchester

In 2017, Entergy was once again named as a Top 100 Best Corporate Citizens by Corporate Responsibility Magazine, from among a pool of thousands of companies. CR Magazine ranks corporations in such areas as philanthropy, environment, climate change, human rights, and employee relations.

Indian Point will continue to have a strong presence in the community through its permanent closure in April 2021.



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Messiah Brown was one of 27 students to participate in the NSSA first Summer Camp for 7th graders. Messiah is a 11th grader and Mt. Vernon High School and her favorite subject is biology and plans to attend Harvard or Yale. Acting and prayer are of the things Messiah most enjoys and the bible is her favorite book.



Aldo Cerventes, a Mount Vernon High School junior Aldo's favorite book is "Gracefully Yours" and running track is his favorite activity outside of the classroom. Aldo hopes to attend Penn State, UCLA and study Aeronautics. Aldo and three other Student Honorees attended the NSSA's first Summer STEM Camp program and has attended four other programs since his summer experience.




Julian Orozco is a senior at Mt. Vernon High School, an exceptional student and considering attending Stoney Brook, RPI of RIT. Julian is looking forward to a career as a computer engineer. Julian hobbies include photography and his favorite book is "A Summer to Die". Julian is one of NSSA's two winners of a \$10,000 sponsorship for flying lessons in pursuit of his Pilot's License.



Jonte Williams, a junior at Thornton High School attended the NSSA's first Summer STEM Camp program in 2014 and has returned to one of more programs every year since. An exceptional student, Jonte's favorite subject is Science and has North Carolina A&T MIT has his top college choices and envisions a career as an Aerospace Engineer. Jonte favorite book is "The Alchemist" and his hobbies include skateboarding and drawing.



Victoria Gomez-Small, an exceptional student, a junior attending Mt. Vernon High School is one of the two students to win a \$10,000 NSSA's sponsorship to secure her pilots license. Victoria plans to study engineering at Stanford, Carnegie Mellon or Stony Brook. Sewing is one of her favorite pastimes and the bible is her favorite book. Victoria was also one of the students to attend NSSA first programs in the summer of 2014.



Margaret Honey,
President and CEO of the
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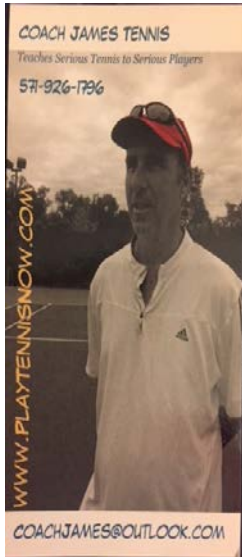


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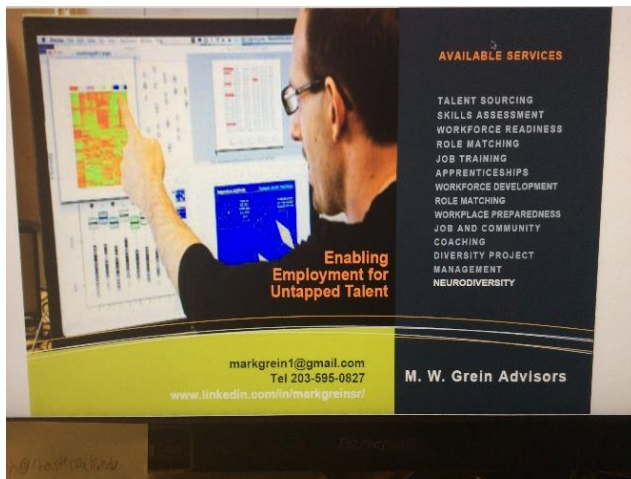
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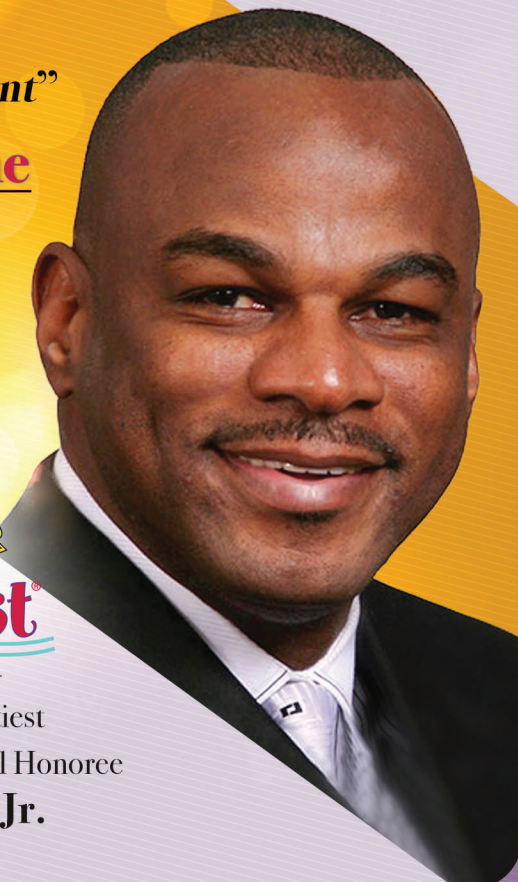
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