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Message from the President

Hello Members, Parents, Sponsors, Partners and Friends,

2019 represents the Concerned Black Men of Los Angeles (CBMLA) 16th year serving our youth in the Greater Los Angeles area. Support from all

stakeholders has been terrific and to that I say a heartfelt thank you. As May 2019 comes to a close, so does our 9-month youth development programs Welcome to Manhood, Welcome to Womanhood and Emerging Leaders. The 2018-2019 programs were very successful, primarily due to the ongoing support of our parents, members, sponsors, program facilitators and program managers. From reviewing the attendance rosters, it looks like CBMLA helped over 250 youth during the 2018-2019 program year. This number continues to grow year after year.

The remainder of 2019 will be filled with Summer Field Trips for our youth, Fundraising events and preparation for the 2019-2020 program year. The 5th Annual CBMLA Comedy Union Fundraiser will take place on Thursday June 6, 2019 at the Comedy Union located at 5040 W. Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA. This will be followed by the 5th Annual CBMLA Awards Gala on Saturday August 10, 2019 at the DoubleTree by Hilton located at 6161 W. Centinela Avenue, Culver City, CA. More information about both events will be coming out soon. Please plan to attend our fundraising events, allowing us to continue to serve our youth.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Mark H Anderson
President
Concerned Black Men of Los Angeles

PROGRAM UPDATES

WELCOME TO MANHOOD

On April 13, the Welcome to Manhood group hosted a workshop in Lancaster for local youth. Mentors Andre, Cedric, Kay, Keshia and Ivory assembled a great “College Panel” full of local leaders who were able to share their college life experiences. They also discussed the upcoming College Scholarship and encouraged youth to share the information with family and friends.

The Welcome to Manhood team also held a workshop on Saturday, April 6 in Los Angeles. The topic of the workshop was “College Life and What to Expect.” Mentors KJ, Rocky, James, Sam, Garfield and Andre did a great job of hosting the youth and leading a great discussion.

The Welcome to Manhood program is for young men ages 11-19 years old. Workshops are generally two hours long and take place once a month during the nine-month academic year. Students enrolled in the program participate in a variety of interactive activities including group discussions, team building exercises, and Q&A sessions with guest speakers. The typical workshop hosts between 7 and 25 teens and young boys. The goal is to promote education, provide career guidance, and instruct young men on the importance of self-mastery and personal achievement.



WELCOME TO WOMANHOOD

Welcome to Womanhood is a newly created program by the Women of Concerned Black Men of Los Angeles under the Concerned Black Men of Los Angeles (C.B.M.L.A) umbrella, designed to provide girls of color with the tools needed to become successful in a globalized world. Welcome to Womanhood is a group mentoring program serving middle school aged young girls between the grades of 6th - 8th.

Our workshops commence for four hours and take place two Saturday's a month during the nine-month academic year at the South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station. Welcome to Womanhood Program launched in September of 2018. Our goal is to conduct this program each school year and eventually progress into working with young ladies in high school.

Our girls participated in a variety of interactive activities including group/panel discussions and team building exercises. The sessions will include topics on self-esteem, financial literacy, proper etiquette, personal hygiene, social media, plus more!

As the school year comes to a close, on behalf of the Welcome to Womanhood Girls Mentoring Program, we want to send a special "thank you" to all of our parents, mentors, speakers, CBMLA members, and our sponsors!



EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

In February, the Emerging Leaders Program had the honor of attending two amazing events. The first event was attended by ELP's leadership team and was a community summit called The Black Narrative Series that was organized by the non-profit organization Sanctuary of Hope. The event discussed issues around structural racism, gentrification, wealth building, and homelessness in the Black community.

Additionally the team attended the UCLA Black Male Institute's freshmen college seminar course and discussed sexual assault and Black masculinity using Drs. Keon McQuire, Jonathan Berhanu, Charles Davis and Shaun R. Harper's journal article, 'In Search of Progressive Black Masculinities.'

In addition to participating in the college course, students received a tour of UCLA and an opportunity to talk to a panel of Black college students and alumni. A special thanks to John M. Langston Bar Association for donating the funds for us to get the hoodies and transportation for the event!

Congratulations to our ELP seniors who are graduating high school this June!

100% of ELP seniors will graduated high school in June!

100% of ELP seniors will enroll in college this fall!

College, Glendale College, Cal State Chico, San Francisco State University,
and West Los Angeles



LA CLIPPERS MENTOR ASSIST ZONE



One of the many programs CBMLA offers our youths is involvement with the Los Angeles Clippers Mentorship Assist Zone. What the Clippers offer is Partnering with local youth organizations to lend an assist with community based mentorship initiatives. Their program supports all youth mentorship, with special emphasis on organizations serving in underserved communities and young men of color.

the LA Convention Center to the Clippers SciFest SoCal at the Los Angeles Convention Center. Produced in partnership with the USA Science and Engineering Festival, this inaugural event will celebrate science, technology, engineering and mathematics

Cedar's Sinai Simulation Center was another educational event provided by the LA Clippers. This was a great opportunity for our **young men** to learn about the different career options at the hospital and be able to get hands on experience at their simulation center.



ORGANIZATION ANNOUCEMENTS

5th Annual CBMLA Awards Gala

The 5th Annual Concerned Black Men of Los Angeles Awards Gala will be held Saturday, August 10, 2019 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Culver City (6161 West Centinela Ave.). This annual event celebrates the excellence of the program participants, volunteers, and partners of the organization. This year, we are honored to have Byron Scott, Former NBA Coach and Player for the Los Angeles Lakers as our Keynote Speaker. We look forward to seeing you there to support the work of those in the organization. To purchase tickets, visit our website by clicking [HERE](#).



CBMLA Hosts 6th Annual

Comedy for a Cause

Join us for our 6th Annual CBMLA Comedy for a Cause Show on Thursday, June 6, at the Comedy Union in Los Angeles (5040 W. Pico Blvd.). Laugh the night away and help support CBMLA's programs.

The Comedy Union opened in 2001 and was the First Black owned and operated Comedy Club in Los Angeles. Although specializing in urban stand-up comedy, The Comedy Union regularly features a

The Concerned Black Men of Los Angeles Present: *"Building Champions through Support and Encouragement"*



5TH
Annual Awards Gala
Saturday August 10, 2019
6:45pm

Location
DoubleTree by Hilton: 6161 West Centinela Ave
Culver City, CA

Tickets \$100 [Click here to Purchase Ticket](#)

Keynote Speaker: Byron Scott
Former NBA Coach/Player
for the Los Angeles Lakers



*Donors may only take a contribution to the extent that their contribution exceed the fair market value of the good or services

The Comedy Union's Owner/Operator, Enss Mitchell had a unique vision for his comedy club; to provide a place for urban talent to perform more than one night per week; to provide a place where all comics, aspiring to professional, would be able to hang out and perform; to provide a place where urban standup comics can call "home".



CBMLA College Scholarship **Application Now Available!**

The CBMLA College Scholarship is now available online and is due by June 14, 2019. In 2018, CBMLA launched an effort to improve and assist access to college by raising money for an annual scholarship for

The Comedy Union has been a constant supporter of CBMLA since for first Comedy for a Cause Show. Tickets are \$30 and are available via our website. It's previously been a sold out show, make sure to get your tickets now! Please contact Sam Bledsoe at 323-353-6185 or email at samuelbledsoe@ca.rr.com if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for your support!

CBMLA CARES Returns to Two

Local Schools

Angeles County. The scholarship application is open to male, female and non-binary youth entering their first year of college. For the Fall 2019 semester, CBMLA will be awarding six scholarships in the amount of \$1,000. Eligibility requirements and application packet can be found online. We look forward to supporting our youth through their first year of college.

Program will return to KIPP Scholar Academy and KIPP Academy of Opportunity in the South Los Angeles.

The CBMLA CARES Program was adopted from the Concerned Black Men National Mentoring Initiative implemented in 9 cities throughout the nation where CBM chapters are located. It is a comprehensive school-based outreach project designed to improve academic and life outcomes for middle school students. CBMLA CARES facilitators and mentors lead weekly workshops with CBMLA mentees at their schools during school hours. Through this program, mentees develop life skills, stronger school attachment, and improve citizenship.

