



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

We are excited to host our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Concerned Black Men of Los Angeles (CBMLA) Awards Gala on Saturday August 10, 2019 at 6:45 pm. This year's location will be the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel – Culver City (6161 W. Centinela Avenue, Culver City, CA).

Commemorate the night with us as we celebrate around our theme, "Building Champions through Support and Encouragement." Our Keynote Speaker will Byron Scott, former NBA Champion and Coach for the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Annual Awards Gala is our signature fundraising event. As such, we want to show Byron Scott full support by attending in record numbers. I am certain

his message will be uplifting! In addition, we want to show our support for the numerous young men and women receiving recognition for their outstanding participation in our youth developmental programs during the 2018-2019 program year. Many of our mentors will be recognized as well. We will also be presenting several scholarships to well-deserving young men and women. You do not want to miss this evening, please purchase your tickets today. Tickets are \$100.00 and can be purchased at [www.cbmla.org](http://www.cbmla.org). I hope to see you there!

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Mark H. Anderson  
President  
Concerned Black Men of Los Angeles

## PROGRAM UPDATES

Congrats to All Emerging Leaders Program and  
Welcome to Manhood Program High School Graduates!

CBMLA is proud of all of our Emerging Leaders and Welcome to Manhood participants who graduated high school and will be entering college this fall. Congrats to all of the graduates. Please help us in congratulating these

dedicated and passionate young men!



## **EMERGING LEADERS**

**COREY RAY**

Crenshaw High School  
San Francisco State University



## **EMERGING LEADERS**

**IVERSON MITCHELL**

East College Preparatory High School  
University of California, Los Angeles



## **EMERGING LEADERS**

**ROBERT PETERS**

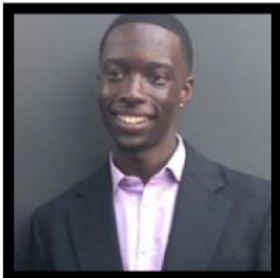
Palisades High School  
Glendale Community College



## **EMERGING LEADERS**

**DYLAN TURNER**

Cerritos College



## **EMERGING LEADERS**

**MATTHEW WYNES**

Hamilton High School  
West Los Angeles College



## **EMERGING LEADERS**

### **MARCUS WYNES**

Hamilton High School  
West Los Angeles College



## **WELCOME TO MANHOOD**

### **DERICK HORN**

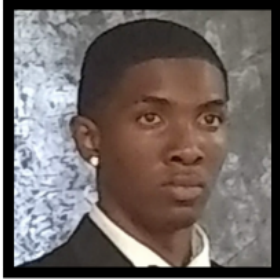
Verdugo Hills High School  
West Los Angeles College



## **WELCOME TO MANHOOD**

### **AARON PETETAN**

King Drew Magnet High School  
Navy / College



## **WELCOME TO MANHOOD**

### **LAVELL BROOKS**

View Park Preparatory High  
SouthWest College or USC

## Welcome to Womanhood Celebrates Successful Year!

The Welcome to Womanhood Girls Mentoring Program had an extremely successful school year! A special 'Thank you' to each mentor, speaker and supporter. Our Welcome to Womanhood graduation took place on Saturday, June 1st with each of our girls being recognized for their efforts in addition to their parents, family and friends. It was a team effort and such a wonderful experience. Now, the Women of CBMLA are gearing up to take on another school year! Our girls mentoring program is in need of mentors. If you know anyone who is interested in becoming a mentor and/or mentee for the 2019-2020 school year please reach out to Holly Fuller at [holly.fuller@cbmla.org](mailto:holly.fuller@cbmla.org).





LA CLIPPERS Mentor Assist Zone Update



The NBA season is quickly approaching and we again look forward to working with the Los Angeles Clippers this upcoming season. Our young men enjoyed many opportunities last season provided by the team. These opportunities and events helped expose them to new educational avenues that can steer them in various career paths. The Clippers also helped coordinate an opportunity for some of our mentees to be mentored by one of their players, Tobias Harris. Supported by the player and the organization, Tobias Harris mentored these young men, helped improve their educational outlook, and exposed them to opportunities to help develop their sense of community service.

Throughout the program year, Harris and the group helped pass out turkeys for Thanksgiving and hosted a screening and discussion with the young men about the film CREED 2. We are also proud of his contribution to the youth's continued education pursuits by donating a notebook laptop computer to each mentee. The group meets monthly and has an array of facilitators that walk the young men through a variety of topics. We look forward to continuing this partnership through the coming season.





# ORGANIZATION UPDATES

NBA Great Byron Scott Named Keynote Speaker for  
5th Annual Awards Gala!



Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Gala is right around the corner, and the CBMLA Board is excited to announce that NBA legend Byron Scott will be the Keynote Speaker for this year's event. We are honored to host this distinguished Black man and have him give words of inspiration and encouragement to attendees.

Please see his bio below for a peek into this wonderful speaker and what is sure to be an eventful night. To purchase your tickets for the Gala, click [here](#).

[Byron Scott - Biography](#)

Byron Scott grew up in Inglewood, California and played at Morningside High School, in the shadow of what was then the Lakers' home arena, The Forum. He attended Arizona State University but left school in his junior year to enter the NBA. As a player, he won three NBA championships with the Lakers during their Showtime era in the 1980s.

Selected by the San Diego Clippers in the first round, with the fourth pick of the 1983 NBA draft, Mr. Scott was traded to the Los Angeles Lakers in 1983 in exchange for Norm Nixon. During his playing career, he suited up for the Lakers, Indiana Pacers, and Vancouver Grizzlies.

Mr. Scott played for the Lakers for 10 consecutive seasons (1983-1993), including nine seasons as the Laker's starting shooting guard. He was a key player for the Lakers during the Showtime era, starting alongside Magic Johnson, James Worthy, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and A. C. Green. During that time, he was on three NBA championship teams (1985, 1987, 1988). In 1996-97, the last year of Mr. Scott's playing career in the NBA, he went back to the Lakers and proved to be a valuable mentor for a team featuring Shaquille O'Neal, Eddie Jones, Nick Van Exel and 18-year-old rookie Kobe Bryant.

In 1998, Mr. Scott began his NBA coaching career as an assistant with the Sacramento Kings. He took over a struggling New Jersey Nets team in 2000 but managed to take the team to the NBA finals two consecutive years. In 2004, Mr. Scott became the head coach of the New Orleans Hornets where he was named head coach of the 2008 Western Conference All-Star team and selected as the 2007-2008 NBA coach of the year award. In 2010, he became the head coach of the Cleveland Cavaliers, and later head coach for the LA Lakers in 2014.

Mr. Scott is now an ESPN studio analyst and a frequent guest on shows including The Jump with Rachel Nichols, Sportsnation, and NBA Countdown. Mr. Scott can also be seen on Fox Sports West (FS1) performing as an analyst on shows including Undisputed and The Herd.

[Click for Gala Tickets](#)

# CBMLA Welcomes Sharonnie Jackson to the CBMLA Family!

We are proud to welcome Sharonnie Jackson as the organization's new on-staff Program Manager.

In her role with CBMLA, she will assist Board Members with duties and program management, serve as an additional arm for event management, develop the CARES Program curriculum and evaluation method, and other duties as assigned by the President.

A Los Angeles native, Sharonnie has always had a heart for serving youth. After graduating from Cal State Northridge with a degree in Child and Adolescent Development, she began working in different fields trying to figure out exactly what her calling was. From working as a nanny to becoming a supervisor at a youth shelter care, she soon realized that working with at risk youth was where she needed to be. She then landed a job as a professional mentor with another organization and delve deeper into helping at risk youth on personal level. Although she loved mentoring the youth that she was serving, she wanted to do more. After supervising for a short time at the shelter, she realized she wanted to get back into managing a program to help it flourish and development in growth for our youth in need.

She loves seeing the impact mentoring has on youth as well as being hands on with developing programs that can ultimately change lives.

Sharonnie is excited to be apart of the organization and cannot wait to see what the future has in store for the youth that we will serve.

Welcome, Sharonnie!



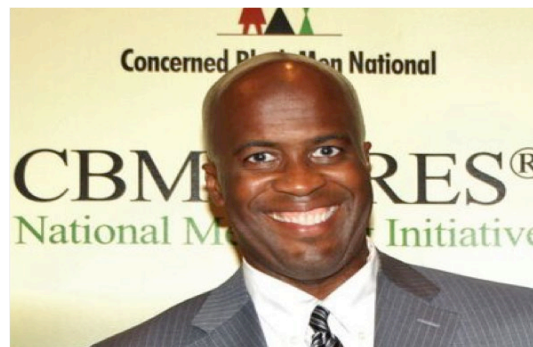
CBMLA Announces New Program  
Committee Chairs

Concerned Black Men of Los Angeles is proud to announce the addition of new committee chairs to the organization that will start with the coming program year this September.

Welcome to Manhood:

Last year our Welcome to Manhood Program Chair was Kiuto Hassan (KJ). He will be stepping down as Chair this coming program year. We want to thank him for his fine work and leadership.

This year coming program year, Welcome to Manhood will be Co-chaired by Thomas Horn and Rocky Cusseaux. Thomas was a facilitator with the program last year and Rocky worked with the CARES and Welcome to Manhood in precious years. They are both dedicated to seeing improved growth and leadership skills in our young people.





Membership Development:

In addition to the new Welcome to Manhood co-chairs our Membership Development committee will be headed by James Jones.

James is the founder and lead executive consultant of The JKT Financial Group, LLC. JKT is an operational and financial consulting firm. Utilizing tremendous in-house expertise in lean manufacturing, financial prudence and asset management, the team helps companies streamline their operations, increase throughput, improve safety as well as source packaging/logistic needs. The company has successfully negotiated over \$45 million in supplier contracts. Specializing in the sourcing of containerboard, paperboard, corrugated packaging, printed/non-printed poly film and industrial grade hemp, the company also has a vast international network of supplier partners spanning from North America to Asia.

James is very active in his community, volunteering his time with organizations that mentor the youth and feed the hungry in Southern California. James serves on the Board of Directors for H.O.P.E's House Christian Ministries as well. His hobbies include health & fitness and spending as much time as he can with his wife and two children.

