

Mychal Wynn - Introduction

Our speaker today, hails from Roswell, Georgia. He is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation for Ensuring Access and Equity whose mission is to work with students and families from underserved student groups to prepare students for early entry into the college prep pipeline and ensuring that students have comprehensive 7-year middle-through-high school plans that prepare them for college and careers.

While, today he is an accomplished and highly sought after expert in his field, Mr. Wynn had a very unpretentious beginning. He began life in poverty—born in rural Pike County, Alabama; given up for adoption prior to his first birthday; and growing up in Chicago's infamous South Side urban ghetto where gangs, violence, inferior schools, and student apathy contributed to a high school dropout rate of over 75 percent.

Mr. Wynn was a low performing student during his years in the Chicago Public Schools, at the time, one of the nation's lowest performing school districts. An often time incorrigible public school student, he experienced his share of paddling, detentions, and suspensions.

However, through his diligence and determination to become his family's first college graduate, Mr. Wynn graduated with honors from Boston's Northeastern University and has achieved international acclaim through a distinguished career in the private sector, in the educational arena, and as the author of 25 published works.

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Mr. Wynn has taught language arts and public speaking in several South Central Los Angeles middle schools, taught adult learners at the U.S. Department of Labor Department, served as a coach of youth sports, member of the Mt. Bethel Elementary School Advisory Council, Chairperson of the Holcomb Bridge Middle School Local School Council, Vice-President of the North Springs High School Athletic Association, and President of the North Springs High School Football Booster Club, and is currently the Co-chairperson of the Education Ministry Turner Chapel AME Church, in Marietta, Georgia.

Mr. Wynn is a husband of twenty years, parent of two African-American males, both of whom have been identified as academically gifted, with his older son in his third year at Amherst College, the country's top-ranked liberal arts college. As Mr. Wynn is a living testimony of what he writes in his book, "Follow Your Dreams:"

"Where you come from does not determine where you are going, only where you begin."

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It is with great pleasure that I present to some and reacquaint with others an exceptional, efficacious, and extraordinary educator; admirable, acclaimed, and accomplished author; honorable, humble, and highly respected husband; prodigious, persistent, and preeminent parent; and an unwavering advocate for under served and under represented students...the marvelous, magnificent and meritorious Mr. Mychal Wynn!