



The Guyana Association of Georgia, Inc.
 2009 Annual Youth Symposium
 Tentative Agenda
 Saturday, August 15, 2009

Symposium Agenda				
Time	Activity	Facilitator	Audience	Room
8:00am – 8:50am	Opening Session	Marilyn Browne	All	Cafeteria
9:00am – 9:50am	Workshop 1 – Preparing for College	Panel of college students and alumni (past GAOG scholarship winners included)	15 – 18 year olds	1
9:00am – 9:50am	Workshop 4 – Youngpreneurship	Carol Webster	10 – 14 year olds	2
10:00am – 10:50am	Workshop 4 – Youngpreneurship	Carol Webster	15 – 18 year olds	2
10:00am – 10:50am	Workshop 3 - STEM	Jason Andrews, Candace Wilson	10 – 14 year olds	1
11:00am – 11:50am	Workshop 3 - STEM	Jason Andrews, Candace Wilson	15 – 18 year olds	1
12:00pm – 12:50pm	Lunch	Carol Webster	All	Cafeteria
1:00pm – 1:50pm	Workshop 2 – Leadership Development	100 Black Men of DeKalb	10 – 14 year olds	1
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2:00pm – 4:00pm	Closing Reception	Marilyn Farley-Thompson	All	Cafeteria

Indicates Confirmed

Workshop 1 – Preparing for College and a Career: Choosing a Power Major (Panel format)

There are two major events that are stress producers among teens in their Junior and Senior year in high school. One is SAT/ACT preparation, and the other is choosing a college major. This important panel will focus on making successful career choices. In addition, the panel will also discuss how to be successful in college, positive habits a college student must have to ensure his or her success, and dealing with academic, peer, and financial pressure. The panel includes college students and young professionals (including past GAOG scholarship recipients).

Workshop 2 – Leadership Development Roundtable: Today’s Youth are Tomorrow’s Leaders

Leadership skills are essential to achieving a rewarding academic and professional career for individuals who are ambitious and driven to succeed. In many situations, young people in under-served and under-represented communities do not have access to the tools, resources, or information needed to equip them with the skill sets needed to be competitive in this global society, and neither are they introduced to key leadership training early enough to stimulate intellectual development and promote professional achievement. The youth symposium will organize a leadership workshop to teach young people in the middle to high school grades the importance of becoming leaders, and the responsibilities of leaders. Workshop attendees will be provided with folders containing important information on becoming effective leaders in whatever fields they pursue. We will also seek professionals to assist in the facilitation of this activity.



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Workshop 3 – STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics – Becoming Tomorrow’s Innovators

This workshop will focus on instilling in middle and high school students the importance of a career in any STEM area. Majors in these STEM disciplines prepare young people to be the producers and visionaries behind new technologies and products that stimulate our national economy and make us a competitive nation. Also, as scientists, individuals get the opportunity to establish patents on any new design that is introduced. Areas in science can include, but not be limited to medicine, electronic design, software based programs, civil engineering design (buildings, roads, bridges, etc.), aerospace design, mechanical designs (i.e. automotive, machines, etc.), robotics, and other exciting science-related careers.

Workshop 4 – Youngpreneurship: Take Your Passion and Vision to the Next Level

Youngpreneurship is young people being involved in entrepreneurship and business development at a young age. Many of our young people have successful ideas that can be transformed into a business venture, but they lack the fundamental knowledge of how to grow a real profitable business. There is also an absence of strong mentorship in this area. This workshop will provide its participants with the fundamental knowledge of what they need to do to take their idea and vision and transform it into a successful business venture. The workshop will also place a strong encouragement on entrepreneurship and identifying young potential entrepreneurs in our community.