

Black Leadership Roundtable

Top Youths Win National Awards

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Nine top national awards for outstanding American youth were presented by the National Black Leadership Roundtable and the Avon Cosmetic Co. during the recent Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's legislative weekend at the U.S. House of Representatives Cannon office building here.

The youth awards were presented by Rep. Walter E. Fauntroy (D-D.C.), NBLR chairman, on behalf of the coalition of 150 major religious, civil rights, educational, labor, social and political groups throughout the nation. Young Americans, 18 to 25 years old, cited for outstanding

contributions in nine different fields, ranged from the Miss America candidate from the nation's capital to the president of the United States Student Association and the daughter of the late Malcolm X.

Winners selected for the fourth annual NBLR awards were: inventions, Dwain Saulsberry; sports, Benita Fitzgerald Brown, Olympic gold medalist in the 100-meter hurdles; beauty and fashion, Desiree Keating, Miss District of Columbia; entertainment, Dennis Watson, humorist and poet;

education, Gregory Moore, president of the U.S. Student Association; communications, Derrick Gibbs Johnson, radio program producer and founder of Pyramid Communications multi-media firm; business, Myra Evans, president of Gelato Modo Italian ice cream company; professional development, Michael Ross, president of the National Black Law Student Association; and special merit, Attallah Saban Shabazz, community activist.

Ross is a University of Virginia

Law School graduate and a Congressional Black Caucus Fellow (summer intern) in 1982. Ms. Shabazz, the daughter of Malcolm X and his widow, Betty Shabazz, was cited for her work with the Ophelia DeVore School of Charm in New York City and her activity with Yolanda King, daughter of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his widow, Coretta, in the theatrical production company, Nucleus.

The youth awards were started in 1980 by the NBLR which also developed the black agenda for the

1980's after a number of public policy positions were drafted during a national conference of black leaders. In 1982, the NBLR released "The Black Leadership Family Plan for the Unity, Survival and Progress of Black People," a four-point plan of action for black America.

In 1983, NBLR convened issues conferences in 17 states across the country and received local and regional input for the People's Platform, a document later produced in cooperation with the Black Leadership Forum, composed of leaders of 15 major organizations. Released earlier this year, the People's Platform is a comprehensive response to our

nation's current domestic and foreign policies, Congressman Fauntroy announced.

Poetry Prize Offered

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a new poetry contest sponsored by the World of Poetry newsletter. There are 100 cash and merchandise awards, totaling over \$10,000.

Says contest director Joseph Mellon, "We are offering this contest in the hopes of encouraging poetic talent of all kinds."

For a free brochure of rules and prizes write, World of Poetry, Dept. D, 2431 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, Calif. 95817.

Let's Chat

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INNER STRENGTH

Life never gives us a test we are not capable of topping. The first step in tapping our inner strength is to realize it is there. It's useless if we don't know it is there. The inner strength will never fail to comply with any and all demands we put upon it. Important decisions will have to be made. Your inner strength exists. It is up to you to call upon it in difficult situations.

Doug Hooper

Consider well what your strength is equal to, and what exceeds your ability.

Horace

PATIENCE AND TOLERANCE

Patience and tolerance are qualities which most of us need in everyday life. Patience is mainly an attitude of mind. Our patience and tolerance benefit us equally as much as others, for the expression of these qualities keeps us on an even keel, in tune with the flow of life.

Martha Smock

PATIENCE

Patience and the mulberry leaf becomes a silk robe.

Chinese Proverb

TOLERANCE

Tolerance is good for all or it is good for none.

Edmund Burke

SURRENDER

By surrendering our wills to the higher, we gain control and mastery over the lower.

Anonymous

BEING RIGHT

Bear in mind that everybody has some faults and that, surprisingly enough, includes you and me. You are always right when you are kind to another person. You are always right when you are courteous. Ask questions before you sound off. Believe nothing you hear and only half of what you see—if it is something wrong about somebody else. You'll be right if you maintain confidence that you can find good solutions to your problems. Finally—and most important of all—trust in a Supreme Being with all thine heart and lean not upon thine own understanding.

Jarmen Moxey

JUDGMENT

Do not condemn the judgment of another because it differs from your own. You may both be wrong.

Dandemie

THE MIND

The human mind should be like a good hotel; open the year round.

William Phelps

Some mounds are like concrete: mixed up and permanently set.

Rev. Ralph Sanders

It is pretty difficult to keep your mind and your mouth open at the same time.

Anonymous

HAPPINESS

Happiness is someone to love, something to do and something to hope for.

Chinese proverb

We must be doing something to be happy. Action is not less necessary to us than thought.

William Hazlitt

CHEERFULNESS

He who remains cheerful in spirit and sees only the good side of all things, who never allows himself to be spiritually downcast but keeps his head high and courage in his heart, he sets in motion those fine still powers which make every step through life easier for him.

Ralph Trine

THE HEART

Hardening of the heart ages more people than hardening of the arteries.

Anonymous

In sailing o'er life's ocean wide, your heart should be your only guide, with summer sea and favoring wind, yourself in port you'll surely find.

W. Gilber

THE EASY WAY

Whatever you need to do, no matter how difficult or demanding or challenging, you can do it—easily. You have wisdom, strength, poise, assurance—anything you need. Be still in the midst of any mountain shaking experience or any roaring fear. Listen for your guidance and when it comes, which it will, follow it. Greater good will come into your life.

Mary Kupferte

SURE THING

Let a man try faithfully, manfully to be right, he will daily grow more and more right. It is at the bottom of the condition on which all men have to cultivate themselves.

Carlyle



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