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**FMMS Student Body to Hear Motivational Speaker**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Feagin Mill Middle will host a multicultural event in observance of Black History Month on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2011, 1:15 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the school gym. The student body will hear a presentation by motivational speaker and author Al Duncan.

According to Duncan’s Web site, <http://www.alduncan.net/>, “Al Duncan is the leading motivational speaker for at-risk youth and troubled young people. An internationally-recognized authority on youth development and empowerment, Al has delivered Duncan Nuggets™ to over one million young people around the world. He is frequently called upon by the media to share his expertise and he is the author of *My Success Journal For Young People* and *Get ALL Fired Up!* He has been awarded the President’s Call to Service

Award and The National PTA Life Achievement Award, for his outstanding service in the field of youth development and empowerment. Al was born and raised in one of the most dangerous neighborhoods on the planet in North Philadelphia and by today’s standards, would’ve been labeled an ‘at-risk’ student. When he was 5 years old he was molested by a male friend of the family. Emotionally traumatized, it took him years to remember what happened. At the age of 15, Al’s world was torn to shreds again when he found out that his father, his childhood hero, was addicted to crack cocaine. Al refused to allow his personal problems stop him. He went on to enjoy careers as a professional saxophone player and a professional chef. His father’s struggle and incredible recovery inspired Al to write Duncan Nugget #21: ‘Failure is only permanent if you quit.’”

Read more at his Web site. Feagin Mill Middle School is located at 1200 Feagin Mill Road in Warner Robins. Dr. Jesse Davis serves as principal. For more information, please contact Assistant Principal of Instruction Olethia Thomas at [olethia.thomas@hcbe.net](mailto:olethia.thomas@hcbe.net) or 478-953-0430, ext. 34414.

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