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Youth Empowerment Seminar Focuses on Violence and Drug Use Prevention

BY SOURCE STAFF — OCTOBER 19, 2010

The **St. Thomas-St. John District's** first Youth Empowerment Seminar will held on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 28 and 29, at the Marriott Morning Star Beach Resort. "The focus of the Youth Empowerment Seminar is the prevention of violence and drug use among teens through building up skills and attitudes of students who can be leaders in the fight against these ills. We want to cultivate student leadership and empower students to lead the cause. Ultimately, the participating students will be able to go back to their respective schools and launch more student led programs to positively influence their peers toward helping to make schools and the community safer places where young people avoid getting involved in drugs and violence and create wholesome student programs and activities to engage in," said Superintendent for the **St. Thomas-St. John District** Jeanette Smith-Barry.

The first segment of this program will involve leadership training for 100 students from district secondary schools. The day and a half sessions will be led by nationally recognized youth motivational speaker **Al Duncan**. Known as The Millennial Mentor™, **Al Duncan** is the world's leading motivational speaker for at risk youth and troubled young people. An authority on the Millennial Generation, he has spoken to nearly one million young people from around the world. He emphatically declares that, "You are guaranteed to win once you defeat the enemy within because- it's all mental!"

The author of "My Success Journal for Young People" and "Get ALL Fired Up!"™, **Duncan** is the founder of Young Folk Today!™ and a columnist and blogger for The Black Collegian Magazine. A cross-generational communication specialist, he provides a high energy, high content presentation. He is the recipient of the President's Call to Service Award and the National PTA Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding service in the field of youth development and empowerment. He also serves on the American InterContinental University School of Business Advisory Board, the Fulton County Workforce Investment Board of Directors and the Fulton County Youth Council. He is also the steering committee chairman and life skills coach for theButler Street YMCA's Multicultural AchieversProgram.He is also the former executive producer and host of "The State of the Mind Address," a self-development television program.

"The program continues during the months of November and December," Smith-Barry said, "where training of another 100 boys and girls in a similar forum will take place. By the end of this [calendar] year, 300 young people will have had dynamic, life-changing experiences that we hope will propel them into action in taking leadership roles in the fight against drugs and violence as they strive for greater personal, social and intellectual development."

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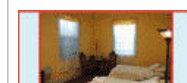
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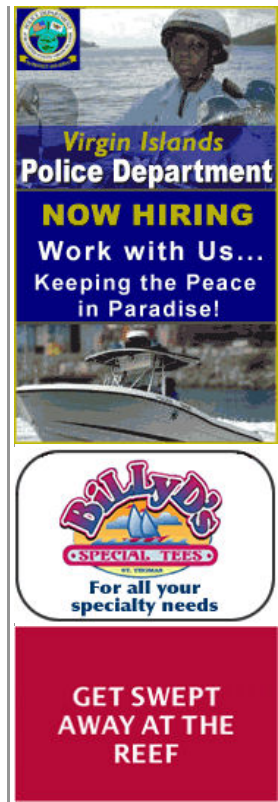


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