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New Student Convocation

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New Student Convocation is a celebration that welcomes new students and their parents to campus.

New Student Convocation will last approximately an hour. It will include a keynote address by Byron V. Garrett, a motivational speaker who will encourage students to make the most of their college experience. Students, faculty, staff, administrators and parents are invited to participate.

When & Where?

Saturday, August 23, 2008

Shuttles available from Sam Houston Village & King Hall

5:30-6:30 pm

Johnson Coliseum

BE SURE TO BRING YOUR SAM ID CARD.

Who is Byron Garrett?



In January of 2008, Byron V. Garrett began a career appointment as the Chief of Staff for the Office of Public Affairs at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, an agency of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. In this capacity, Byron provides leadership for strategic communications, media relations, public outreach, visual communications and the customer service center for the agency. Prior to this position, Byron served as the National Program Leader for Mission Mandates at the National 4-H Headquarters at the Cooperative State Research Education and Extension

Service of the US Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC. Byron serves on the Executive Committee of the Helping America's Youth Initiative as Convener of the Program Group. This White House Initiative is led by First Lady Laura Bush and through Byron's guidance, has produced 5 regional conferences since creation in 2005.

Before relocating to Washington, DC, Byron served as an appointee in the administration of Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano. Byron held several positions in the Napolitano Administration including Policy Advisor on Faith and Community Initiatives and Director of the Governor's Division for Community and Youth Development. Byron served as Arizona's liaison to the White House Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives.

A community leader and youth development advocate, Byron is the former Principal and Co-Founder of two charter schools: Progressive Leadership Academy and Progressive Junior High School. Both schools embrace the motto: "It's Better To Build Children, Than To Repair Men and Women."

An accomplished writer, Byron is a former columnist for the Arizona Informant, having interviewed celebrities including Vanessa Williams, Samuel Jackson, Jude Law, Rachel Wiesz, and Raven Symone. Byron is the author of four books and co-author of three others including the popular – The ABC's of Life now in it's 5th printing.

A highly sought after speaker, trainer and leadership consultant, Byron serves as President and CEO of Life Works International. Byron has addressed audiences from 50 to over 50,000 in 46 states, Africa and much of the Caribbean. Garrett has been called upon by numerous organizations including the National Youth Employment Coalition (NYEC), the National Governor's Association, Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), and the American Management Association.

With a passion for challenging thoughts, changing minds, and offering the courage to commit, Byron provides a very real message for real times.