

Black Academic Olympics Update (Nov. 7, 2007)

I wanted to update you on the progress for the inaugural Black Academic Olympics. Please support this event with your dollars and your presence.

Date, Time and Location

We have solidified the date of the competition. It will take place on Saturday, February 16, 2007 from 9:30 am. until 11:30 a.m. We have tentatively selected the Charles Sumner Museum for the venue. It is located in downtown in Washington, DC a few blocks from the National Geographic headquarters and the office for the Historical Black Press Foundation.

Committee Selected, Volunteers Needed

We have selected DC teachers Durand Yates as Education Committee Chair and Rebecca Foster as Event Planning Committee Chair. DC Livers will be the overall Event Chairperson. Please volunteer your time, products, services and assistance to our committees so that we can prove that education is the new sports. Contact: blackacademicolympics@yahoo.com. Please join me in congratulating and thanking them for stepping up to the plate to help our children win.

Publicity

We have produced a PSA that we hope will run on Websites, blogs and radio stations around the world about the event. We are also working on radio PSAs as well. We are hoping that the teachers, team leaders and sponsors will record PSAs for us to use on their hometown urban radio stations and TV station. Stay tuned to **BlackAcademicOlympics.com** for updates.

Competition Judges

We have begun reaching out to potential judges including educators and Black leaders.

Winners' Reception

We are working with two caterers to determine which will be best suited to cater the event for the one hour mini-reception at the end of the competition.

Winners Benefit

The winners will be able to attend the AASALAH Annual Luncheon at the JW Marriott (just a few blocks away) immediately following the event.

Special Guests

DC native Smokey the Scientist will perform an inspiring poetry selection at the beginning of the event. We will have two official theme songs: **Warriors Rise** by Dick Gregory's daughter who we have invited to perform "Warriors Rise." Hopefully, she will accept. The second is **Losing Our History** (hip hop oriented) by J. Saleem of Baltimore.

Thanks for your support. Please sponsor the event with your dollars and your presence. Make checks and money orders payable to the Historical Black Press Foundation and mail to the address below: Historical Black Press Foundation, 1629 K St, NW # 300, Washington, DC 20006.

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