



***Courageous Leadership
in a Global Society***

**April 22, 2017
DeSoto High School Academy**

Welcome - Dr. David C. Harris

Welcome to the 3rd Annual DeSoto ISD Male Leadership Symposium. DeSoto ISD has tailored this event to meet the needs of young men who aspire to be change agents in a global society.

I welcome back many of you who attended last year, and extend a heartfelt welcome to those who are attending for the first time. I find power in words and quotes. Vince Lombardi once said, "It is time for us all to stand and cheer for the doer, the achiever – the one who recognizes the challenges and does something about it." It takes a courageous leader to lead in an ever-changing global society.

We strive to instill valuable knowledge and skills regarding leadership, community involvement and college readiness with an emphasis on self-discipline, resilience and respect for yourself and others.

Our youth today must step up and learn how to be strong, yet respectful. You must follow a path of self-discipline, resilience and not let distractions or obstacles alter your path to success.

This event is about seeing in others what some day you can become. You will be the future leaders in industry and pioneers in your fields. You will be the community leaders in your neighborhoods, towns, cities and states across our nation. You must be givers as well – mentoring, sharing and influencing the generations that are coming behind you.

I want to thank our guest speakers, session leaders and event organizers for understanding the value of this event and sharing their expertise with you today. Listen to their wisdom and learn from their life experiences. Thank you for being a part of this special event and enjoy this day!



Best Regards,

Dr. David C. Harris

DeSoto ISD Superintendent



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Welcome to the 3rd annual DeSoto ISD Male Leadership Symposium. We are honored to have you as a participant this year. The Male Leadership Symposium will showcase the positive and important contributions that young men make to our society and the intelligent, bright young men who represent our future. These few hours are a small investment into the bright future ahead of you. I want to thank each of you for setting your alarms and planning your day around this event. With track season in full swing and the summer right around the corner there are so many other things you could be doing today. The choice to be here is something that sets you apart from your peers. While they are sleeping in or watching television, you chose to invest in your future.

A lot has been said this political cycle. The airwaves have been filled with thoughts and ideas about you however, those thoughts lack one essential component. You. I am convinced that there is no better advocate for the issues that affect you, than you. But, an advocate will only be successful when they act. We need you to act now more than ever. We need to hear your voice now more than ever. This Male leadership symposium will equip you with the necessary tools to be successful when you act. It will also provide you with practical pointers for when you speak out.

The reason these tools are important is because we can not afford to lose you. We can not afford for you to fall into one of two tragic lifestyles. The one of the man who talks but never acts. We call them day dreamers. Or, the other who acts but never thinks. They live through nightmares.

Today, you will speak with, hear from and talk to men who know you and understand you, because they were once you. These men have volunteered to spend time with you today so that they can invest in you. The sessions today will expose you to the possibilities that lie within you. As always, I challenge you to do more than talk. Don't just talk about 'it', be about 'it'. Make sure that you are the best at whatever 'it' is.

Thank you for making the 3rd annual Male Leadership Symposium a great success.

Carl Sherman Jr. President,
DeSoto ISD Board of Trustees

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Dear Symposium Participants:

Courageous Leadership. 2017 is a year of being intentional. In a time when the nation has engaged in a politically unconstructive dialogue about "Black lives matter, Hispanic lives matter, Our lives matter, and All lives matter", we have taken a proactive and deliberate approach to provide life changing experiences to the lives of all of our students, with special emphasis on addressing the areas of opportunity with our male population. We refuse to set low expectations for the young men of our community, because we know to do so is sin. During this symposium we expect to ignite a flame within our students that will inspire them to become global problem solvers and world leaders.



The theme for the 2017 conference is *Courageous Leadership in a Global Society*. With societal issues mounting, the approach we take in response has never required more attention. Across the nation, we have witnessed the power of unified groups fighting for change and we know our students possess the power to do the same. This theme is a charge to take a stance by changing the narrative. The journey to *being courageous* begins on a sometimes uncommon path. It requires an unrelenting desire to be better and a willingness to stand against the popular, for the sake of greatness. It is our belief that every experience matters and has the potential to change the trajectory of someone's life. We understand that "character may be manifested in the great moments, but it is made in the small ones" and through this Male Leadership Symposium we want to plant aspirational seeds in our young male students' lives that will influence their decision to reach *Excellence* regardless of how uncommon it might seem.

We have invited celebrity personalities such as Omari Hardwick and Bakari Sellers to share their courageous journeys to greatness, but furthermore, to highlight that the path to greatness never ceases. In addition, we are honored to have alumni superstar athletes – former NFL Baltimore Ravens player Zachary Orr here to share his story of perseverance, adversity, and courageous leadership. During this symposium, we will hear from subject matter authorities and experts in the areas of STEM, Business, Public Service, the Arts, and entertainment.

It is indeed a pleasure to have you join us for this 3rd Annual DeSoto ISD Male Leadership Symposium and we appreciate your willingness to accept the challenge to start your journey of *Courageous Leadership*. Through meaningful dialogue and thought provoking discourse, we can all begin our paths of *Courageous Leadership in a Global Society*. It is our hope that through this symposium, our participants are challenged and inspired to strive for professional, personal, and academic growth.

Again, welcome to this year's symposium and let courage not skip this generation.

Be Courageous,

Aubrey C. Hooper
Vice President, DeSoto ISD Board of Trustees
Founder, DeSoto ISD Male Leadership Symposium

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GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR

On behalf of the City of DeSoto, the DeSoto City Council and all of its citizens, it is my pleasure to welcome the attendees to the 3rd Annual DeSoto ISD Male Leadership Symposium, featuring a cadre of distinguished speakers!

This extraordinary event is designed with you in mind to help you excel academically, professionally and socially and to provide you "with tools to be the next generation of courageous leaders." The goal is to uplift, empower, energize, educate and inspire you to go out and make a difference in the world. I am proud to be the Mayor of an All-America City where all stakeholders work collaboratively to help our students achieve their academic, extra-curricular and career goals.

Thank you for choosing to attend the 3rd Annual DeSoto ISD Male Leadership Symposium, and I ask that you stay engaged and help us continue to shape our future.

Sincerely,

Curtistene S. McCowan
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Dear Male Leadership Symposium Attendees:

My sincerest congratulations and best wishes as you celebrate your 3rd annual Male Leadership Symposium.

Your commitment to the students you serve and the entire community is truly commendable. Your mission to enhance and enrich the lives of young people serves as a testament to your tireless efforts to make the world a better place.

The legacy that is left to our next generation is one of significant courage. Go forth and lead courageously! Lead in the shadows of those predecessors who have succeeded and also those who have failed. Lead in moments, large and small. Learn from the past and direct the future.

The doors that you open and the opportunities that you provide will manifest themselves into "life changing" circumstances. "A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way!" - John C. Maxwell

May God's blessings be with you as you celebrate this joyous occasion.

Sincerely,

Royce West
State Senator
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**DeSoto ISD
Male
Leadership Symposium**

It is an awesome opportunity and a proud privilege to congratulate the Desoto Independent School District for its outstanding efforts in producing the 2017 Male Leadership Symposium. This is a massive undertaking that should have positive future consequences for this community.

Not only have you selected some outstanding male role models to mentor and counsel with, but the concept of creating serious dialogue around the career path of 1,000 young brothers is phenomenal. The litany and level of success sharing and visionary discussions that are offered here are worth more than money.

In the words of James Baldwin; "those who say it can't be done are usually interrupted by others doing it". Desoto ISD is determined to create a legacy of young men who crave education, think critically and dream big...Dreams too big to be delayed or denied by others.

My sense is that this meeting of the minds will become a milestone experience for all involved. I am proud to represent such a dynamic, city with such remarkable citizens. I don't care what anyone may say, I believe that each of you have the capacity to excel as individuals and as leaders.


John Wiley Price
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7:15	Registration and Breakfast	
8:00	Opening Plenary Posting of School Colors Greeting and Recognitions Welcome Performance	Academy Cafeteria McCowan MS ROTC Dr. David C. Harris Aubrey C. Hooper Richmond Punch
8:40 – 9:30	Workshop A	Assigned Classrooms
9:40 – 10:20	Workshop B	Assigned Classrooms
10:30– 11:15	Group Gathering Master of Ceremonies Greeting Keynote Speaker	Chris Dyer Gymnasium Frankie C. Wilson, Jr. Carl Sherman, Jr. Omari Hardwick
11:30	Luncheon Plenary Academy Cafeteria Master of Ceremonies Keynote Speaker Freshman Cafeteria Athletic Panel	High School Only Frankie C. Wilson, Jr. Bakari Sellers 11-12 Athletes Only Zachary "Zach" Orr Charles L. Wells IV, Ph.D. Jean-Jacques Taylor Antonio Rozier, M. D. Corey Borner
	Main Cafeteria Keynote Speakers	Middle School Only Hon. Jaime Resendez, Esq. Tim Jackson
1:00 – 1:50	Workshop C	Assigned Classrooms
2:00	Closing Ceremony Invictus	Chris Dyer Gymnasium Aubrey C. Hooper

Mr. Frankie C. Wilson, Jr.

Frankie Wilson is an American public figure most notable for his award-winning syndicated radio show, "Inside Gospel". He is also known across the world as a speaker, host, moderator, and philanthropist.

AS AN ENTREPRENEUR, Mr. Wilson is the CEO of VM Communications, LLC. – a content marketing company for small business and non-profit organizations. His company has produced content for clients such as Warner Brothers, The USA Network, Tyler Perry studios, the Gospel Music Workshop of America, the City of DeSoto, TX's SolJazz Festival, a multitude of FM and AM radio stations, and more!



AS AN AWARD-WINNING RADIO HOST, of the nationally and internationally syndicated Inside Gospel, Frankie has garnered national, regional and local recognition including: Stellar Award "National Radio of the Year", the Key of Gospel Music & Ministry Award for "Online Radio Show of the Year" and more! In 2012, His radio program fuses multiple genres of Christian music, poetry, news and inspiration. Inside Gospel has also hosted an incredible roster of notable influencers such as Andrew Young (American politician, diplomat and activist), the American Diabetes Association, Hollywood director Brad Silverman and more.

Frankie increased the impact and engagement of his hit show by creating Inside Gospel LIVE – a live concert-format of the radio show Inside Gospel. Inside Gospel LIVE was picked up as an exclusive partner and showcase for the largest music, film and digital festival in the United States, South by Southwest (SXSW) and still remains a staple of the festival to this day.

AS A SPEAKER, Mr. Wilson travels all over the United States sharing his message of owning your actions in order to create your experiences in life. His audience has ranged from small group settings to major Universities! His inspiring and transformational message breaks down complex issues of life into 3 easy success principles: "Learn to Fear Nothing, Appreciate Everything and Regret Nothing to Live Your Blessed Life!" He has also hosted conversations throughout the year centered around issues of race relations, understanding empathy and success in Christ.

AS A PHILANTHROPIST, Frankie Wilson helps to feed up to 1,000 people a year through his non-profit organization named THE GIVING PROJECT. Through THE GIVING PROJECT, Frankie has created multiple opportunities for people to help others they may never meet in person. His mantra for the organization is "we're blessed to be a blessing" and their missional practice is to give in private so God is praised in public.

Frankie Wilson has been named the 2017's "Icon of Radio" by the Key of Gospel Music and Ministry Awards, the "BEST in Media" by the Examiner.com and one of the "Top 5 People to Watch in Dallas" by AMPS Magazine. He has been nominated as "Philanthropist of the Year" by the DFW Art Awards. His live road-show Inside Gospel LIVE has been named one of the "Top Showcases in SXSW" by The Source Magazine and the list of accolades goes on.

He is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity Inc. (a professional musician's fraternity) and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity Inc. He has a bachelor's degree in Mass Media Communications, a Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA), and a Masters of Divinity (M.Div.).

Learn more at: <http://MrFrankieWilson.com>

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**A genuine leader
is not a searcher
for consensus
but a molder of
consensus.**

-Martin Luther King, Jr.
Pastor and civil rights activist

Omari Hardwick

Omari Hardwick stars as 'Ghost' on the hit Starz Original Series "Power," (2016 and 2017 NAACP Image Award nomination for Best Leading Actor in a TV Drama) from CBS TV Studios and executive producers Curtis '50 Cent' Jackson, Mark Canton, Randall Emmett and Courtney A. Kemp. Other television credits include "Saved and Dark Blue" for TNT,



and BET's "Being Mary Jane," for which he earned 2 NAACP Image Award nominations. He made his TV series debut in Showtime's "Sucker Free City" for director Spike Lee. Feature credits include the upcoming films Election Day (A Boy, A Girl, A Dream) alongside Meagan Good, and Will Gardner opposite Gary Sinise and Lily Rabe, Shot Caller for director Ric Waugh, Lionsgate's For Colored Girls, Sony Pictures' Sparkle, indies Middle of Nowhere and I Will Follow, both for director Ava DuVernay, 20th Century Fox's

The A-Team, Lionsgate's Kick-Ass for director Matthew Vaughn, Touchstone's Miracle at St. Anna, reuniting him with director Spike Lee, Touchstone's The Guardian opposite Kevin Costner and Ashton Kutcher, and Columbia's Gridiron Gang. In addition, Hardwick is an accomplished poet and spoken word artist. He has written over 4,000 poems, including "Little Black Boy Wonder," performed and produced by Hardwick with Marlon Wayans, David Oyelowo, Eriq LaSalle, Jay Ellis, Sugar Shane Mosely, Bill Duke, among others.

Born Omari Latif Hardwick, he grew up in Decatur, Georgia. By the age of 14, Hardwick was writing poetry on a regular basis, a passion he would carry with him into adulthood. In high school, he excelled at basketball, baseball, and football, and went on to play football at the University of Georgia. A star on the field, Hardwick never gave up his passion for acting, and minored in theater in college. After graduation, Hardwick relocated to San Diego for a spot on the San Diego Chargers (NFL), though a knee injury cut his football career short. He then decided to revisit his original passion for acting and moved to New York to study the craft more extensively. He moved to Los Angeles and got his first big break in 2003, when he was cast as a series regular in Spike Lee's "Sucker Free City."

Bakari Sellers

Bakari Sellers made history in 2006 when, at just 22 years old, he defeated a 26-year incumbent State Representative to become the youngest member of the South Carolina state legislature and the youngest African American elected official in the nation. In 2014 he was the Democratic Nominee for Lt. Governor in the state of South Carolina.

Earning his undergraduate degree from Morehouse College, where he served as student body president, and his law degree from the University of South Carolina, Sellers has followed in the footsteps of his father, civil rights leader Cleveland Sellers, in his tireless commitment to service taking championing progressive policies to address issues ranging from education and poverty to preventing domestic violence and childhood obesity.



His impressive list accomplishment in addition to having served on President Barack Obama's South Carolina steering committee during the 2008 election, Sellers is widely considered to be a rising star within the Democratic Party and leading voice for his generation. That coupled with his uncommon ability to reach across the aisle and get things done has led to numerous accolades including being named to TIME Magazine's 40 Under 40 in 2010 as well as 2014 and 20015 "The Root 100" list of the nation's most influential African-Americans.

He has served as a featured speaker at events for the National Education Association, College Democrats of America National Convention, the 2008 and 2016 Democratic National Convention.

Sellers practices law with the Strom Law Firm, LLC in Columbia, SC and is a Political Commentator at CNN. He is married to Dr. Ellen Rucker-Sellers.

Jaime Resendez

Jaime Resendez is a U.S. Army combat veteran and attorney licensed to practice law by the State Bar of Texas and before the U.S. District Court in the Northern District of Texas. In 2016, he was elected to serve on the Dallas ISD Board of Trustees. As a board member, Resendez helps to establish the policies by which 227 schools with approximately 160,000 students operate and represents Southeast Dallas County - the same area where he grew up and went to school.



Resendez enlisted in the U.S. Army as an engineer before graduating from high school and served for eight years, including a yearlong tour of duty in Baghdad, Iraq. He earned his law degree from The University of Texas School of Law and degrees with honors from the University of North Texas at Dallas and Eastfield Community College. Resendez has been recognized with numerous awards, medals, and scholarships throughout his military and educational careers.

Fluent in Spanish, Resendez is committed to serving his community and is actively involved in various organizations and professional associations. His areas of law practice over the years have included personal injury, criminal law, and social security disability.

Jean-Jacques Taylor

Jean-Jacques Taylor is a graduate of Dallas' Skyline High School, where he and Olympian Michael Johnson were close friends. He attended The Ohio State University, where he covered Jim Jackson before the Mavericks drafted him.

He has been covering sports in Dallas-Fort Worth for nearly 25 years, and has been a Dallas-based general columnist and reporter for ESPN since 2011. He has hosted a daily show - J Dub City - since October on ESPN radio 103.3-FM

Taylor covered the Cowboys exclusively from 1995 until 2007 at The Dallas Morning News, when he was promoted to columnist. He's covered 20 Super Bowls, two World Series, two NBA Finals, a Stanley Cup Finals, the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver and a host of special moments such as Emmitt Smith breaking the NFL's all-time rushing record.

You can find the same pragmatic, honest opinions on Twitter (@JJT_ESPNDallas) and Facebook (Jean-Jacques Taylor) that you hear regularly on the radio.

When he's not The Star in Frisco, Globe Life Park or the AAC, you can find Taylor in DeSoto with his wife, Lorraine, and his son, Ashton-Jude and granddaughter Allannah.



Tim Jackson

Tim Jackson is a Dallas, TX based Real Estate Broker with 13 years of real estate experience. He takes pride in educating individuals about the home buying process, while empowering them through practical information, direction, and accountability. Tim is the author of *Real Dope: An In-depth Comparison Between Real Estate & The Dope Game*, which is available for purchase on Amazon and on Tim's website. This book was written to highlight the similarities between real estate sales & drug sales, while providing an alternative to a life of crime that is often prevalent in Black communities. Tim firmly believes that a person with more options will make better decisions. Tim is also the President of the R.E.A.L Youth Mentoring Program, a program created to train young Black men on ways to become productive leaders and reputable citizens in their communities. 100% of the proceeds from the book *Real Dope* is used to finance R.E.A.L Youth Mentoring. Tim launched Real Dope Apparel, which is a clothing line designed to highlight one's inner greatness.



For more information about Tim Jackson Realty, the Real Dope book, Real Dope Apparel, visit www.TimJacksonRealty.com

Zachary "Zack" Orr

Zachary "Zach" Orr (born June 9, 1992) is a former American football linebacker of the National Football League (NFL). He played college football at North Texas and played for the Baltimore Ravens before retiring after three seasons due to injury. Orr was signed by the Ravens as an undrafted free agent in 2014. He made the 53-man roster as an undrafted rookie and finished second on the team with 7 special teams tackles. Orr began the 2016 season as the Ravens starting weak-side linebacker, and sealed a win over the Jacksonville Jaguars in Week 3 with an interception in the waning seconds. He started all 15 games he played in recording 132 tackles, five passes defended, three interceptions, and a forced fumble. He was placed on injured reserve on December 30, 2016. He was named second-team All-Pro after the 2016 season. Orr announced his retirement from the NFL on January 20, 2017 due to a congenital neck/spine condition that ended his season.



Corey Videl Borner

Corey Videl Borner born January 13, 1993 is the youngest of son of Mr and Mrs . Michael and Charlotte Borner. He also has two older brothers Daunte Borner & Brandon Borner.



Born and Raised in Dallas Texas, Corey is currently living in DeSoto, Texas. He moved to DeSoto when he was in the 5th grade from a school called Tyler Street Christian Academy then that's when he attended Amber Terrace Intermediate. He attended DeSoto West for his middle school years.

Corey Borner continued going to DeSoto schools and when he reached high school he was on the football team. As a Junior Varsity Cornerback in spring 2009 Borner suffered a c5-c6 spinal cord injury, leaving him paralyzed from the neck down. Due to his injury, a lot of coaches and football players visited with Corey while he recovered from his injury. They motivated Corey to stay positive through everything and never give up.

Corey attends Cedar Valley College and will be graduating with his Associate of Arts degree on May 11. From there, he will attend UNT Dallas where he will start a degree in

Communications. Corey will never give up and has Faith in God and himself that he will walk again.

Dr. Antonio Rozier



Dr. Antonio Rozier is trained and experienced to treat spinal and musculoskeletal pain by carrying out the latest interventional and minimally invasive techniques. Along with performing these procedures, Dr. Rozier executes ultrasound-guided, regenerative interventional techniques. Hailing from Voorhees (New Jersey), he attended Morehouse College in Atlanta (Georgia) from where he graduated cum laude with a B.S degree in Biology (2004).

Charles L. Wells IV, Ph.D.

Charles L. Wells IV Ph.D, is the President of Football at Elevate Sports Management, and is a Certified Contract Advisor for the National Football League Players Association (NFLPA), who specializes in contract negotiations and business management. Born in Detroit, MI, but raised in Flint, MI, Charles received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from one of America's most recognized institutions, Morehouse College (Atlanta, GA). He has also received two Master of Arts degrees, one from Wayne State University and the other from the University of New Haven. Further, in May 2013, Charles received a Doctoral Degree of Philosophy, with a specialization in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from Wayne State University.



In Charles' first year as an NFLPA Certified Contract Advisor, Charles was able to sign Brandon Carr of the Dallas Cowboys, who at the time was the second highest paid player at his position, earning over a \$50 million dollar contract. He further went on to sign Terence Garvin of the Pittsburgh Steelers, and was able to help Terence make history in that he was the first player in the Pittsburgh Steelers organization to go from being an undrafted tryout player, to making the final roster of the Pittsburgh Steelers for the 2013 season. Accomplishing both feats in his first year of being a Certified Contract Advisor, Charles was able to make an immediate mark on his field, and has been recognized by his peers as being one of the rising stars in a very competitive industry.

Charles is currently involved with numerous non-profit organizations, and has been recognized for his devotion to community service by the City of Dallas, The United Way, and the Boys & Girls Club of Dallas, TX.

Charles currently resides in Dallas, TX with his wife.

Richmond Punch

Richmond Punch is a violin virtuoso who delivers a riveting, dynamic, explosive, and powerful performance! He is a graduate of Juilliard and earned a Master's Degree from Yale



University. His business specializes in live violin music for all events including special events, corporate events, concerts, festivals, weddings and worship. Mr. Punch plays everything from classical music to jazz, hip hop and gospel. He has been featured in numerous magazines, on various radio and television stations across our great nation and is now focused on international pursuits.

Mr. Punch has delighted and dazzled audiences from Atlanta to Anchorage, Las Vegas to New York and everywhere in between. He enjoyed a fabulous tour in Paris, France and plans to visit many countries to share his passionate music. Mr. Punch who recently performed a Gala for an Idina Menzel concert and MPI "Reach for The Stars" Event Planner's Gala has entertained celebrity

audiences such as Danny Glover, Steven Forbes, Morris Chestnut, Jewel, Michael Baisden, Susan Taylor, Bishop T. D. Jakes, Ross Perot, Chad Ocho Cinco, Kirk Franklin, Kirk Whalum, Nolan Ryan, and Emmit Smith just to name a few. Mr. Punch especially enjoys traveling the country entertaining National Greek Organizations, National Conferences for Senators, Representatives and Congress, The Jewish Community Center and various houses of worship. He has also played backup for Kenny G and Diana Ross.

He has been a dedicated volunteer with many non profits, The Boy Scouts, The Urban League, and The Steve and Marjorie Harvey Foundation's mentoring program and with various school districts across the United States. However, his greatest passion is for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of America. Mr. Punch often travels to entertain and speak at various events for the dynamic organization which supports youth across America. You may learn more by visiting his website at www.richmondpunch.net. Inquiries may be sent to: richmondpunch@yahoo.com or call 214-753-3477

If we expect kids to be losers they will be losers; if we expect them to be winners they will be winners. They rise, or fall, to the level of the expectations of those around them, especially their parents and their teachers.

-Jaime Escalante
Bolivian educator known for teaching students calculus in Los Angeles and the subject of the movie Stand and Deliver

Invictus

By William Ernest Henley

*Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.*

*In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.*

*Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds and shall find me unafraid.*

*It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul.*

Significance of the Eagle Feather

The Eagle is a symbol of many things including: respect, honour, humbleness, truth, love, natural power, strength, courage, wisdom and Freedom, everything that is positive. It is believed that there is a special connection with the Eagle to the Creator.”

-The Legacy of Muin'iskw



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**The secret to success
is good leadership,
and good leadership
is all about making
the lives of your
team members or
workers better.**

-Tony Dungy

*Super Bowl winning coach of the
Indianapolis Colts (retired)*

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