Black men must sell as well as buy or else remain a beggar race.
The critical role of education in the history of African Americans, part 3

by Jennifer Gamble-Thornd, M.Ed. at the University of South Florida

The community school has been one of the most influential influences in the critical role of education in the history of African Americans. It is part of the backbone of education and the community that surrounds it.

The social structure of the old community school was a reflection of cohesive community schools to provide local black communities of the past. When African American communities had vested interest in the success of their local neighborhood schools, the results were that of uplifting education for students, parents and residents.

The community motivated students to learn not just for themselves but for the entire concept of community in general. Students from before 1900 were more interactive and ethnocentric learners, developing a thirst for learning and a desire for achievement—acting as a driving force that elevated black history. The role of education, but one that needs to evolve into its best practices since many of these learners are more successful in a community school can form types of learners if that is the case due to circumstances in the neighborhood.

After the Civil War, public education became a hallmark of higher learning. Initially, the first academies and normal schools of higher education were started as mission schools to provide schooling for students who had no previous education.

It wasn’t until 1900 that any of these schools began to offer courses and programs on the college level. After the Civil War, public support for higher education for black students became legal issues and an important step began to pay attention to what was happening.

Jennifer Gamble-Thornd, M.Ed. is a retired Pinellas County educator. The study of history and literacy is at the core of the American for the St. Petersburg Branch of AASLH.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Learn more about PCSB’s 70 magnet, fundamental and career programs at upcoming Choice Fairs

It is now time for parents to start looking for the educational opportunities that will serve as the right fit for their children. All the district’s application programs for 2019-2020 school year will be showcased at three Choice Fairs, where parents will be able to explore programs and talk with program representatives.

District Application Programs offer rigorous educational pathways to guide students based on their interests from kindergarten through 12th grade. Students are offered a world of choices with more than 70 magnet, fundamental and career programs that focus on students’ interests, talents and abilities. A wide range of thematic options immerse students and help them build the skills they need to be successful in college, careers and in life.

The magnet programs include elementary gifted and cultural arts magnet in Midtown.


Mark Your calendar for the following Choice Program events

Parent Application Workshop — Learn how to apply for District Application Programs:
• Oct. 22: 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Countryside High, 3000 SR 580, Clearwater

Choice Fairs — Learn more about our magnet, fundamental and career academy programs:
• Nov. 1: 4-8 p.m. at Gibbs High School, 850 54th St. S, St. Petersburg
• Nov. 3: 9 a.m.-noon at Largo High School, 420 Missouri Ave N, Largo
• Nov. 6: 4-8 p.m. at Dunedin High School, 1511 Pinehurst Rd, Dunedin

Discovery Nights — Visit schools and explore programs in more detail.
• Oct. 29-Dec. 21

Application Period:
Jan. 9-18, 2019
Acceptance Period:
Feb. 13-22, 2019

Questions about how to apply?
Contact StudentAssignment@pcsb.org or (727) 588-6210.

To learn more about all the programs, visit pcsb.org/choice to view the 2019-2020 District Application Program Guide.

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Matters of the Heart

11th Annual Turkey Giveaway
Saturday, November 10th, 2018 11:00AM - 2:00PM
Pinellas Technical College, 931 34th St. S.
St. Petersburg, Florida.

Princess Denise Wright (Radio Host Personality of Matters of the Heart Ministry), would like to extend an opportunity to donors, sponsors, businesses, sororities, fraternities and ministries to partner with her to bless 500 families in the Community with a turkey for the Thanksgiving Holiday Season. If you are interested please call Princess Denise at the phone number above.

We are also looking for additional entertainment (Musical Songs, dance and Comedy, call 727-488-8818), Vendor booths available 25$ and can register by calling 727-824-7909.

Turkey Giveaway registration will begin on November 1, 2018. Monetary donations can be made through PayPal at mattersoftheheartministry@gmail.com

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS.

The Pinellas Education Foundation provides nearly 100 different college and technical school scholarships to more than 300 high school seniors throughout Pinellas County, based on criteria established by the Foundation and sponsors. Some of the available scholarships offer awards that are given directly to graduating seniors. Others require the student to have a high school diploma or its equivalent (GED). Information about these scholarships is available on the Education Foundation’s web site and at the Guidance Counselor’s Office.

Application for scholarship is open from now until January 17, 2019, at 5 p.m.
Tampa Bay MED Week closes with successful CEO Breakfast

BY MICHELLE AURORA SIMMONDS
One Community New Image News

TAMPA — Pinellas County Economic Development Coalition hosted its sixth annual CEO Breakfast during the 2018 Florida Minority Enterprise Development Conference, a regional celebration of minority-owned businesses and advocates, which convened in Tampa Sept. 26-28.

The breakfast was hosted by Troy Taylor, chief executive officer at Coca-Cola Beverages Florida, LLC, Coca-Cola Beverages Florida is the third largest privately held and fifth largest independent Coca-Cola bottler in the United States. Taylor is also the founder and managing partner of Spinel Investment Company, LLC, a private investment firm that acquires, owns and operates businesses that are key suppliers and distributors for large corporations.

Coca-Cola Beverages Florida began operations less than three years ago when it acquired the Central Florida territory from The Coca-Cola Company, and the Tampa-based company continues to grow. The African-American owned Coca-Cola bottler, the company is committed to its corporate responsibility of being a high-quality vendor in the region. According to the Tampa Bay Business Journal in 2017, Taylor’s operation earned $1.2 billion in revenues.

Taylor’s message this year was “building relevant relationships.” He understands all too well the importance of diverse supply chains and how quality suppliers can help increase the bottom line. As host of this year’s event, he shared his desire to get to know key members of the business community better – a fact evident by his warm smile and genuine willingness to listen, learn and share with others in the room.

Dr. Cynthia Johnson, director of the Pinellas County affiliate of the Florida Small Business Development Center, envisioned this CEO Breakfast seven years ago specifically to create a venue where like-minded CEOs would have an opportunity to get to know each other and discuss growth strategies relevant to their corporate relevance plan.

To believe these opportunities allow our minority business leaders to share meaningful experiences with others they can TALK (Trust, Access, Like and KNOW) with. As we build a community culture of excellence, it is imperative that these CEOs get to know each other and engage in relevant conversations.

Last month’s event crossed industry lines from international trucking to digital print solutions and the talent represented in this meeting exceeded $2 billion in revenues and over 1,800 jobs.

Many CEOs supported the event from its inception such as Oscar Horton, president and CEO of SunState International Trucking, Chameleon Custom Solutions Corporation President and CEO Carolyn Lawton and Johnathan Graham, president & CEO of Horus Construction Services, Inc. to name a few.

Cassius Butts led this year’s panel discussion. During the breakfast, he served as moderator on the event’s diverse shareholder responsibility and the positive impacts of supplier diversity.

Butts is the founder and chairman of Capital Fortitude Business Advisors, a boutique management-consulting and diversity and inclusion training firm located in Atlanta with satellite offices in Orlando, Las Vegas and Washington, D.C. He is also the former regional administrator for the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) appointed by President Barack Obama in 2011 to oversee the agency’s lending activities across eight states.

Hold at the Coca-Cola Beverages Florida breakfast quarters, more than 25 executives attended this invitation-only event and participants were treated to a personalized bottle of Coca-Cola, compliments of the event’s host.

Everyone “liked” with a Coke and a smile,” noted Dr. Johnson.

Attendees dined on a delicious buffet and participated in an up-close and personal discussion with event facilitators as well as other participants.

About MED Week

National and local MED Weeks are the country’s largest federally sponsored events by the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) and the SBA. The mission is to connect minority-owned businesses to educational and growth opportunities.

This joint public sector event also highlights the significant contributions made by minority-owned businesses in Tampa Bay and surrounding areas and focuses on “empowering minority business leaders” to be key stakeholder in diversifying the economy and helping to continuously grow businesses in and around the state of Florida.

Each year, attendees take advantage of the opportunities for networking with various government procurement officers and industry representatives.

MED Week seeks to:

1. Promote economic development in the minority business community
2. Bring together minority business owners engaged in various industries to further enhance and expand business opportunities through the connecting: country-owned companies, ideas and interests and growth assistance to minority firms public access to opportunities through workshops, seminars and access to opportunities

Hayes Fountain and Cassius Butts
COMMUNITY NEWS

Foundation for a Healthy St. Pete recognizes housing policy issues

BY TIFFANY BEYER

A panel of housing experts, along with partners, met to review and discuss a new report on the state of affordable housing in St. Petersburg earlier this month.

The report entitled, “Romes A Pathway to Health Equity Through Housing,” was a joint project between the Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg and Collaborative Solutions, and provides an in-depth look at affordable and accessible housing in a social-determinant of health.

The panel was comprised of Peggy Bailey, director of the Health integration Project, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities; Diane Yentel, president and CEO of the National Low Income Housing Coalition; Fred Karnas, senior fellow of the Kresge Foundation and was moderated by Rusty Bennett, the CEO of Collaborative Solutions.

Randal Russell, president and CEO of Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg, referred to the report as “a launch point for discussion” in introducing the event.

He made it clear that addressing this issue will be an ongoing process, and that it will take time and effort to dismantle the institutional, social and structural barriers that hinder the attainment and access to housing in St. Petersburg.

The central and south neighborhoods of Pinellas County are hit the hardest when it comes to lack of affordable housing and low-income, according to the report, and they also happen to have the highest concentrations of residents of color. Therefore, the relationship between housing and health affecting households of color was a prominent topic during the discussion.

“It think’s there been this intensifying reductive point for the housing community...”, Bennett agreed. “It’s been this new understanding among affordable housing advocates about the history of racist housing policy, and how it led to the segregated communities that exist today”, Bennett said.

Rust Bennett, the CEO of Collaborative Solutions; Diane Yentel, National Low Income Housing Coalition; Peggy Bailey, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities; Fred Karnas, Kresge Foundation Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg, reflected the housing sector.

The audience was especially responsive when Bailey, the only person of color on the panel, touched on the racism that people who are different from her living next door to her because they’re not going to have the same values that she has.

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ST. PETERSBURG – The Bay Area Chapter of the Urban League of Tampa Bay is scheduled to host a Youth Career Fair on Oct. 27 at the John F. Gerbensky Middle School, 1701 22nd St. N. The fair is targeted to students in grades nine through 12.

The organization receives funding from the State of Florida Department of Education, Office of Career and Technical Education, through the Center for Career and Technology Education (CCTE) funds for a project entitled “Career Pathways: Developing awareness and engaging youth to explore career opportunities in the 21st Century.”

“This is the chapter’s third sponsored youth career fair in the Tampa Bay area. Students will be able to learn about different professions within the public sector,” a statement from the organization reads.

The organization is made up of 128 African American career fields, including entrepreneurial occupations.

President Mylora Dopry is expected to share this motor- able information. She feels the fair will provide an opportunity to provide students and showcase the future entrepreneur and business world better.

“To work together, extend our hands to one another, and set a better place,” Dopry said.

The event was organized in 1995 and incorporated as a non-profit organization as a means for African Americans in public sector service to organize and serve the community in issues of mutual concern with the strength to confront work force, community and issues.

“My involvement is equally as important in all aspects of American life, excellence in public service and opportunity for all Americans,” Dopry said.

The Bay Area Chapter was chartered in 2005. The meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the office of the Urban League of Tampa 3500 S. Nebraska Ave. The organization advocates for equal opportunity and the professional development of the community in policies and practice in the city, county, state, the federal government.

Youth attendees will have the opportunity to be entered in a drawing for a laptop computer.

For further questions or information, contact LaVerne Fossie Johnson at (727) 270-3697.

The school board member

BY INDUBHILA SUAREZ Assistant Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG – School Board chair René Flowers is the youngest of 12 children. She grew up in a time when separate was not equal, but children were managed to walk away with a positive education.

Her parents endured education and she strives to do the same for her students in District.

Growing up in racially divided society where her parents did not shield her from the experiences, especially hate crimes.

In her years as a school board member, Flowers has had many memorable experiences, especially seeing children with few- oppor program in place for those under the umbrella.

Flowers was elected to the School Board on Nov. 26, 2000 and has served for two consecutive terms, 2000 through 2002. In August, she was elected to her third term as the District 7 School Board member.

Her civic engagements include sitting on several boards. She is a member of the Pinellas County Urban League, County Metropolitan Section of the National Association of Black Women, served on the board for the Urban League of Tampa, and is a member of the Office of Florida Alpha Sigma, Zeta Upsilon chapter.

Her active role in church, Greater Mt. Zion AME, has inspired this 38-year-old, who is the proud mother of two grandsons.

This story is part of a series on women making a difference in the Tampa Bay area.
After reaching kindergarten.

Early on, Josh and the administrators at the school created a detailed plan to ensure stability and a consistent environment for William’s life as well as his educational progress, which includes a social-emotional learning program, which is provided at the school. His behavior and his academic work is consistent, and he continues to show improvement.

Josh’s consistency, along with his support in William’s life, has made a significant impact. Despite the challenges he has faced, he is making progress in foster care and school.

As a result, children in foster care and older students who struggle to gain the social-emotional development delays that are hard to counteract.

Ninety-three percent avoid the juvenile justice system, whereas only 86 percent get a GED diploma. Eighty-five percent graduate high school or obtain a GED diploma. Ninety-eight percent are ready authorized for the next step, and Ninety-three percent persist in achieving their life goals.

The major points of the amendment are likened to the “stand your ground” law that passed in 2017 to the “stand your ground” law that the defendants in pre-trial hearings. Tiffany Beyer is a student reporter in the Neighborhood News Bureau of Emerging Free, Inc. She can be reached at emergfree@gmail.com or log on to www.emergingfree.com to view more of her work.

FOR MORE INFO, go to friendstablem.com or call 727-533-0409.
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**The Mahaffey Theater: Home to live arts**

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No. 2 Constitutional Amendment, Article III, Section 2

Limitations on Property Tax Assessments
Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to permanently retain provisions necessary to ensure a minimum real property tax on all real estate, including financial real property, except for commercial and business properties, if approved, the amendment removes the need for the General Assembly to increase the minimum property tax and shall take effect January 1, 2019. 

Yes / No

No. 3 Constitutional Amendment, Article III, Section 28

Voluntary Sales Tax onacos in Florida
This amendment ensures that Florida voters have the final say whether to authorize a cosmetic or hair-removing procedure to be taxed by the Florida Department of Revenue. If approved, the amendment will be in effect January 1, 2019. 

Yes / No

No. 4 Constitutional Amendment, Article II, Section 6

Voting Restoration Amendment
This amendment repeals the voting rights of felons and enfranchises those who complete all terms of their sentence including parole or probation. This amendment would not apply to those convicted of murder or sexual offenses, who would remain permanently barred from voting unless the Governor and Cabinet and courts order otherwise. (The precise effect of this amendment on state and local government is not determinable, but the operation of current voter registration laws, combined with an increased number of registered voters from the repeal of lifetime disenfranchisement, would likely result in an increase in voter registration and turnout in Florida elections.)

Yes / No

No. 5 Constitutional Amendment, Article II, Section 15

Supermajority Vote Required to Impose Authorizers, or Raise State Taxes or Fees
Provides that any new tax proposal or law relating to a state tax rate in excess through legislation approved by two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature shall be subject to a supermajority vote by the Constitution. and does not apply to fees imposed by a county, municipality, school board, or special district.

Yes / No

No. 6 Constitutional Amendment, Article II, Section 7

State and Local Government Structure and Operation
Requires legislative ratification to reform the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to approve the new Environmental Protection Agency, and to reform the Department of Health and Family Services. Requires the General Assembly to report to the Governor by January 1, 2021, a plan for reforming the Department of Health and Family Services.

Yes / No

No. 7 Constitutional Amendment, Article II, Section 4

Property Rights; Removal of Obsolete Codes
Removes discriminatory language related to racial segregation and language removed by voters. Delivers the right to own property without interference from government. The law is required to approve the deletion of obsolete code and to report to the Governor.

Yes / No

No. 8 Constitutional Amendment, Article II, Section 11

Electoral College and Voting Rights
Provides for the retention of the Electoral College and the right to vote for President and Vice President. Requires that any attempt to restrict the right to vote for President and Vice President be reported to the Secretary of State. Provides that any attempt to restrict the right to vote for President and Vice President be reported to the Secretary of State.

Yes / No

No. 9 Constitutional Amendment, Article II, Section 13

Prohibition of Oil and Gas Drilling
Prohibits drilling for the exploration or extraction of oil and natural gas beneath state and federal waters between the mean high water line and the outer continental boundary. Adds a prohibition of oil and gas drilling for the purpose of exploration or extraction of oil or natural gas beneath the outer continental boundary. Adds a prohibition of oil and gas drilling for the purpose of exploration or extraction of oil or natural gas beneath the outer continental boundary.

Yes / No

No. 10 Constitutional Amendment, Article II, Section 22

Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 8 has been referred to the ballot by the Legislature. This extends the life of the Florida rights for the Florida to the proposed Constitutional Amendment

Yes / No

No. 11 Constitutional Amendment, Article II, Section 33

Prohibited Offenses; Out of State Gas Drilling
Permits drilling for the exploration or extraction of oil and natural gas beneath state and federal waters outside of the state and federal waters which are the outer continental boundary. Permits the Governor to enter into agreements with other states for the purpose of regulating the exploration or extraction of oil and natural gas beneath state and federal waters outside of the state and federal waters which are the outer continental boundary.

Yes / No

No. 12 Constitutional Amendment, Article II, Section 24

Constitutional Amendments
No constitutional amendments shall be made to the state constitution that will affect property rights; removal of obsolete codes or the relationship of the legislative, executive, or judicial branches of government. Unless the General Assembly shall provide to the Secretary of State for the purpose of regulating the exploration or extraction of oil and natural gas beneath state and federal waters outside of the state and federal waters which are the outer continental boundary.

Yes / No

No. 13 Constitutional Amendment, Article II, Section 34

Secrecy of Ballots
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This weekly ballot will appear in all precincts in the City of Pittsburg. Each candidate running for an elective office in the City, as shown in the city’s Official Voter Information Program, should be referred.

Authorizing Amendment of Ordinance No. 2017-019 to Amend Resolution of Limitation of Leased Premises and Extend Term

City of Pittsburg

The city council may, upon a two-thirds vote of all members, authorize the lease or sublease of any real property owned by the city that is not subject to any condition set forth in ordinance 336-87. These conditions include, but are not limited to, the purpose and conditions for which the property is leased. amendments have been made.

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On vision, one voice, one ministry

From CHURCH, front page

his flock until his death in 1980. During his leadership, Rev. McCree oversaw the completion of the sanctuary, construction of a new annex, installation of modern kitchen equipment, creation of a day nursery for children, and a van to start a transportation ministry, purchased three buses for member parking and future expansion.

Church mother Ver- nel Carter moved to St. Petersburg in 1970. Her husband, the late Deacon Willie L. Carter, moved here five months earlier and had already discov- ered Rev. McCree and the Mt. Zion family by the time she and the children arrived. "We have always wanted to find a good church that taught the Word consistently, and we loved him and his family They were great," Carter said.

Rev. Wilkins Garrett Jr., rose to the helm after McCree's passing. In ad- dition to expanding Mt. Zion's foundation of spirit- uality, he sought to en- hance the church's ability to meet educational, fi- nancial, affordable housing, and social needs of church members and the community. Under Rev. Garrett's leadership, the sanctuary, Human Ser- vices building and Family Life Center—adjacent to the sanctuary—were con- structed in 1990, 1995, and 1996, respectively. Outreach missions were conducted with the Caribbean World Mission, Ethiopian Min- istries, Haiti Ministries, and the Virgin Islands Missions. In conjunction with several local pastors, he was a founder of the IMA Credit Union. During Rev. Garrett's tenure, Mt. Zion Human Services purchased over 65 affordable houses in the neighborhood. There was a daily feeding ministry for the hungry, alternative schooling for children enrolled from school and other community programs and ministries.

"This building had standing room only for worship service," said Carter. "We were taught to keep under his leadership, but the devil wasn't happy. He was very angry, so he created Rev. Garrett left." When Rev. Murphy, Sr. became senior pastor in 1999, the congregation was in disarray. Mt. Zion's finances were a disaster—$84,000 behind the mortgage—so he brought in most of its 2,500 mem- bers left.

"In the past 19 years, we have hired our own construction company to oversee our expansion to over 3,000 members. A reorganizing committee was formed that partnered with various ministries like the Family Justice Minister. We raised the $2.7 million dol- lar mortgage, acquired two blocks of property beyond the church and be- came a church for our youth, building approximately 62 million dollars, and reopened the Mt. Zion Christian Academy," said Rev. Murphy, Sr. He has dedicated the focus of his leadership to the realization of three vi- sions: To effect a positive change in our community, our church, and his own family.

The church has its hands in everything from the revitalization of the Manhattan Casino to Urban Development Sis- te rships, which built Tan- gora Plaza, in collaboration with the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg College and a myriad of other programs in between.

However, for the past 10 years, Rev. Murphy, Sr. has had to celebrate his triumphs without the love of his life, Filomena Murphy, Mt. Zion's First Lady, deed of cause.

"You know how much I love my wife. Period. End of story," he said. "I'm grateful for the time we had together." As a gift from his con- gregation, Timika Walker organized the building of a memorial garden and gazebo in the first lady's name. Beauties surrounding the ga- den; Billy Boyd con- structed the gazebo, while Charles Boyd built the gazebo. Many other hands helped make the front of the church a beautiful reflective corner to draw closer to God. Congratulations on your 90th church anniver- sary from Your bubbly Challengers.
First Lady Nettie McCree and Rev. Louis Sevon McCree, Sr.

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My prayer is for GOD to bless me with wisdom and knowledge in order to do GOD's Will.

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From VALUE, front page

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L-R, Denarvis Fuller, Meltecia T. Fuller, Devone Poinsette-Baldwin and Cheryl Parker Smith

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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with each other and with Moffitt Cancer Center. Although all cancer survivors were recognized, the Bay Area Team of Professionals Alliance chose to concentrate on breast cancer survivors.

“We basically want to give back to the community for a great cause. We decided there’s not much going on in this forum for breast cancer,” said Poinsette-Baldwin.

So, he formed the executive team of professionals that would seek out resources and people locally willing and able to help.

“They give to a national organization when we have people in the community?”

Partygoers enjoyed cocktails on the pink carpet, posed for pictures and listened to entertainment provided by local artists such as jazz favorite the No Chill Band.

“The ball was awesome,” said Parker-Smith, who believes that a good support system helps build community and makes it easier for others going through hard times. She wants more people just to come together, build community and celebrate life.

“We are much stronger as a unit than separated.”

The Bay Area Team of Professionals Alliance is looking to expand the event next year to accommodate the influx of patrons they had to turn away from their sold-out venue. They’re also looking to expand their assistance to other local organizations that have a need for additional support.

If looking to get involved, contact Poinsette-Baldwin via email at agentemanstouchevents@gmail.com.