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LASC TO HOST INAUGURAL YOUNG MEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

With the intention of inspiring the area's youth, the Los Angeles Superior Court is pleased to announce the first ever Young Men's Leadership Conference to be held on Thursday, March 8, 2018, at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse in downtown Los Angeles.

More than 150 students from schools throughout Los Angeles County are expected to attend. The conference will provide these students an opportunity to learn about the legal profession and hopefully consider a career on the bench.

During the invitation-only event, students will hear from a number of distinguished speakers, including former UCLA athlete, turned actor, Donovan Carter; Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas; Dr. Tyrone Howard, associate dean and professor, Graduate School of Education & Information Studies - Equity, Diversity & Inclusion and founder & executive director of Black Male Institute at UCLA; Justice Luis A. Lavin, 2nd District Court of Appeal; and from the Los Angeles Superior Court – Presiding Judge Daniel J. Buckley, Assistant Presiding Judge Kevin C. Brazile and Judges Nicole Bershon, Beverly Bourne, Dennis J. Landin, Yolanda Orozco, and Jose I. Sandoval.

The event will also include a panel discussion moderated by Judge Rupert A. Byrdsong and include panelists Judges Kelvin D. Filer and Paul T. Suzuki and Commissioner Armando Durón.

"After the success of our Young Women's Leadership Conferences, it is exciting to be able to bring this program to the young men in our community," said Judge Orozco, chair of the conference. "I hope the students gain the confidence to reach for the stars and not set arbitrary limitations on their future goals."

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The conference has been designed to bring together the students and community leaders with diverse backgrounds to discuss their personal and professional journeys.

"We hope these young men will be inspired by the judicial officers and professionals they meet and follow in their footsteps to careers in the law and as judicial officers," said Judge Orozco.

"We want the students to walk away from the conference knowing they are not alone, that the judges and lawyers they hear from came from similar circumstances or faced similar challenges on their paths to success," said Judge Bershon.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided to the students in attendance.

The conference is another of LASC's creative and dynamic community outreach programs which include Teen Court, SHADES (Stop Hate and Delinquency by Empowering Students), Power Lunch, Court-Clergy Conference, Teachers Courthouse Seminar, etc.

WHO: Male students from Los Angeles County high schools, judicial officers, and professionals in the community.

WHAT: Students will hear from distinguished speakers, participate in question and answer sessions, and take part in breakout sessions with judicial officers and attorneys.

WHEN: 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 2018.

WHERE: Stanley Mosk Courthouse, 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles 90012, Presiding Judge's Courtroom, Room 222.

Please notify the Court's Public Information Office at 213-830-0801 if you plan to attend or require further information. Note: filming opportunities will be limited – please contact the Public Information Office for details.

Additional information about the Los Angeles Superior Court's community outreach efforts can be found on the Court's website at lacourt.org.

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