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Houston Independent School District presents - Brother 2 Brother Literary Symposium to Convene in Houston. Texas!

---On Friday, October 3rd, (8:30-2:30 pm) & Saturday, October 4th, (10-3:00 pm) 2008, African-American fiction writers from across the nation will meet in Houston, Texas for the country's Fifth Annual Brother 2 Brother Literary Symposium at **TSU University**, 3100 Cleburne, Houston, TX 77004. www.tsu.edu

Women are a vital part of this literary event.

Over twenty-five of the nation's top African-American authors will be discussing the importance of literacy and reading with the community.

Keynote Speakers:

Friday – Dynamic Speaker and Clergy, Pastor Rudy of St. John's Church.

Saturday – Educational Pioneer, Bill Grace of the WEB DuBois Learning Center.

Featured Authors & Moderators:

Authors:

Travis Hunter, Omar Tyree, Vincent Alexandria, Tracy Grant, William Cooper, Arlether Wilson, Steve Perry, Earl Sewell, Nancy Gilliam, Victor McGlothin, MW Moore, Conrad Prophet, Tiffany Cherry, Andrew Ryan, Eric Pete, Marc Lacy, Dionne Character, Tonya Evans-Walls, Hotep, Phaedra Ridley, Kyle Turner, Nancy Gilliam, Dr. Moe Anderson, Alana Sanders, Nina Foxx, Thomas Brooks, Ronald Gauthier, Cherry Wood, Darryl Johnson, Tina McKinney, W. Eric Croomes, Sydelle Thomas, Dwight Fryer, Stephanie Dawson, DaShawn Taylor, Dr. John Caldwell, Tiffany Cherry, Cheryl Donovan, Cederick Tardy, Troy Johnson, Angela Anderson, Dreason Ruckett, Sydelle Richards, Sylvia Hubbard and Chris Howell.

Moderators:

Dr. Allen Barhamsr, Tia Ross, Sybil Wilkes, Mike Payne, Sara Freeman-Smith, Janie Bess, Dana Pittman, Enrique Wiggins, Stephanie Williams and Tony Rose.

Most African-American fiction writers recognize the deficiency of African-American men and women reading fiction today. At most book signings held by

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African-American male fiction writers, the majority of the book buyers are women. It's time that we got together and talk about that issue. We want to positively influence our community and help them understand that reading and literacy is the key to future success and the development of our children's intellect. We will discuss why woman find it necessary to read and why men don't and look at the correlation of reading, literacy, and success in building your dreams and economic future. Children copy what they see their parents and guardians doing, so if we read; they will read.

Free and open to the public, the symposium will target African-American and minority readers from age eight and up. Topics for discussion will include; **"Why is the drop out rate 50% for Black males and 37% for Black females?", "Is education important and necessary?", "How do we work with the school to get the most for our children?", "Do authors have a responsibility to the community?", "What Are Life's Alternatives When You Can't Read?", "The Role of the Parent in Education," "Hip-Hop Summit", "Young Ladies and Gentleman and Self Esteem", & "The Good, Bad, and Ugly of the Music Industry."**

Make no mistake this is nothing short of historic. The community will want to attend just to be in the same room with so many nationally published African-American writers. There will also be free writing workshops and discussions on how to get parents creatively involved with their children's reading and school. Books will be given away free at this event.

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For more information visit the symposium website at: www.b2bls.com (Nia Promotions), www.vincentalexandria.com, www.myspace.com/brother2brothersymposium, raychone1@yahoo.com, 816-914-1560.