

**GROOMING FUTURE  
WORLD LEADERS**

**SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:**

- Only GFWL young adults were offered an opportunity to meet Ambassadors from the Caribbean Nations in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Thank you to the Honorable Trade Representative of GUYANA in Atlanta Neilson Wray and Ambassador of GUYANA in Washington DC for the GFWL invitation to this wonderful event!

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## Grooming Future World Leaders Young Adults invited to the (first meeting of all Caribbean Nations) Caribbean Ambassadors Reception in Atlanta May 2007

Grooming Future World Leaders is a 501 C 3 organization that was set up 6 years ago in Sacramento, California. And is now recognized as tax exempt organizations in California and Georgia through the Secretary of State offices. We have enjoyed many learning activities. Some of our activities have included the following: participation in the Professional Business Woman's Conference in San Francisco, Development and management of the Youth Village in the Annual One Root Festivals in Roseville, California, visit to South Africa to assess the needs of youth /young leaders there, international career day events, awareness with bi-monthly sessions of the Bible, support of the elderly with helping in relocation situations, a visit to Yosemite to try out our endurance on one of the mountain, etc. GFWL is now talking with the International department at More-College in Atlanta and other strategic alliances in the development of the 1st annual young adult Summit in Metro Atlanta in 2008. This summit



held adult tual of the will have an inclusive international theme. We want to bring the nations and cultures together that now exist within Metro Atlanta.



The Caribbean nations gathered in Atlanta for the first time in May of 2007 with the goal of sharing country initiatives and preparing for a meeting with President Bush. GFWL was invited to the Ambassadors closed reception and Townhall meeting to learn the needs of youth within those countries and the needs of youth from those countries living in the USA. Those representing GFWL above: Shirley Smith, Founder of GFWL, Morgan Robinson student at Clayton State in Georgia and Brandon Smith from Sacramento, California. At the bottom are the Honorable Trade Rep. of Guyana Wray, Shirley Smith, and the Ambassador of Guyana. The top left photo: Shirley and Morgan talking to our country leaders. The bottom left shows our Ambassadors and a representative from of Atlanta's office.



## GFWL Fund Raising for 2008 Activities

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!



GFWL is just getting started in Atlanta. We are now located in California and Georgia. And, we have plans to set up in 2 more states in the year 2008. This desire to set up in 2 more states will not limit our support of youth and young adults to 4 states but instead expand our boundaries within the USA.

There is so much need (especially now) for us to raise awareness among our youth and young adults with regards to global issues and possibilities. Based on what we know of current & future expectations of global affairs we have placed on our 2008 agenda the following key events will involve youth and young adults from Georgia, California, and Mississippi.:

- 1) Have the 1st Annual Grooming Future World Leaders Summit in Georgia Theme: An International Affair
- 2) International Field Trip with 30 Young Adults (chosen for their consistent participation over the last 6 years) traveling to the following countries: China, Japan, Korea, and South Africa. China and Japan are now among the top economic powers in the world. Seoul, Korea has one of the largest Christian congregations that has produced more than 60,000 millionaires. As well, they have developed great support systems for orphans and the elderly to co-exist and support each other within the same developed community. GFWL has friends in South Africa who would like to adopt the GFWL strategies and models to develop similar programs for their youth and young adults. We have chosen these countries as an excellent learning and sharing of opportunities for our young adults ages 18-30.
- 3) Collaborate with other 501 C 3's to help support youth and young adult needs using the team concept of "it's takes a village".



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According to the ALLIANCE FOR EXCELLENCE EDUCATION: Nationwide, only about 70 percent of students earn their high school diplomas. Among minority students, only 57.8 percent of Hispanic, 53.4 percent of African American, and 49.3 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native students in the U.S. graduate with a regular diploma, compared to 76.2 percent of white students and 80.2 percent of Asian Americans.

PLEASE GO ONLINE TO OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.GROOMINGLEADERS.ORG](http://WWW.GROOMINGLEADERS.ORG), REGISTER TO BE A PART OF OUR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND READ THE WHITE PAPER RESEARCH DONE BY OUR OWN BOARD MEMBER IN 2002. GROOMING FUTURE WORLD LEADERS DEVELOPED PROGRAMS 6 YEARS AGO BASED ON THE INFORMATION THAT IS NOW JUST BEING RELEASED THROUGH THE ALLIANCE FOR EXCELLENCE EDUCATION.

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# Impact on American Society

The Alliance for Excellent Education estimates that if the 1.2 million high school dropouts from the Class of 2007 had earned their diplomas instead of dropping out, the U.S. economy would have seen an additional \$329 billion in wages over these students' lifetimes. And that's only for one year—the country can expect to lose well over \$300 billion in potential earnings next year as well, due to dropouts from the Class of 2008. If this annual pattern is allowed to continue, more than 12 million students will drop out of school during the next decade at a cost to the nation of more than \$3 trillion.

Why is this an issue now? As we all know, there have always been students who didn't finish school, and many have gone on to do well in life. However, today's economy is much more global. Whereas past generations of Americans only had to compete for jobs with students from Boston or Birmingham, today's students compete with students from Bangalore and Bangkok. The rapidly growing markets of the past quarter century have cre-

ated a booming global economy and very real international competition. And, based on the most recent international data, American students are already coming up short. In fact, nearly every international assessment shows that American students typically fall short of their counterparts in other countries. Thirty years ago, the United States was the world leader in the quantity and quality of both high school and college graduates, but the U.S. has fallen to 18th of 23 industrialized countries. The United States has remained similarly stagnant in the attainment of higher education degrees. In reading, American fifteen-

year-olds rank fifteenth of twenty-nine OECD countries in reading literacy. In mathematics literacy, American fifteen-year-olds rank twenty-fourth of twenty-nine OECD countries.

## 1 in 10 Schools are 'Dropout Factories'

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**Every school day  
that passes without  
change results in**

