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**The National Coalition of 100 Black Women,
South Palm Beach County Chapter, Health
Expo**



Connect to Greatness (C2G) participated in the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, South Palm Beach County Chapter, Health Expo on March 26th at the Mike Machek Boy Scout Park in Delray Beach. As a part of the *Health to Greatness* Initiative sponsored by the Quantum Foundation, the boys of Connect to Greatness provided free blood pressure screenings to the community. In addition, the boys of C2G educated the community on the importance of knowing "your numbers" in order to prevent chronic health conditions like high blood pressure. Information was also provided on how to take preventative measures to maintain a healthy diet and lifestyle.

Banning Books in Schools?? Hear what out students think.



We asked, "If you could share your thoughts with the Superintendent of the School District of Palm Beach about the book ban, what would you say and/or what questions might you have for him?"



Dresean Reid, 10th grader at Boca High School: " I would ask the Superintendent why would they not want students to learn about the important messages these books portray?"

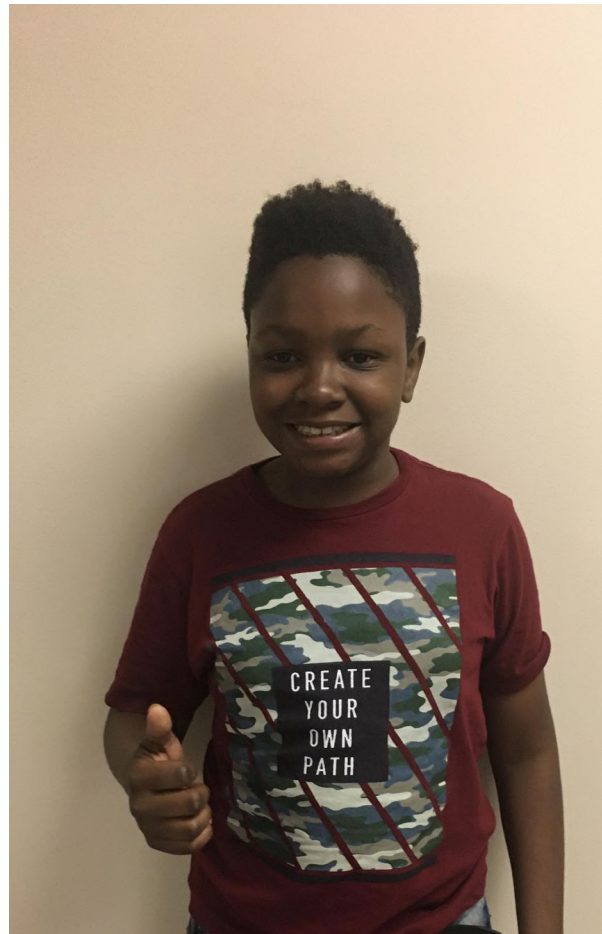


Bryce Webb, 10th grader at Cardinal Gibbons High School: "I feel it is totally unfair, because of the simple fact that I know I am being kept in

the dark about the harsh reality of this life, as I become of age to start experiencing different scenarios, I am going to encounter a plethora of situations that I may not be well prepared for. By banning these books to “protect” or “comfort” the white American students, we are creating a complete and opposite reaction for the minority students, simply because now we are aware that there are events and ideologies in the world that we may never know about, and once faced with these things we may fall into the false characterization of the “angry black woman” or the “juvenile delinquent” because we don’t know how to react. The young mind is so gracious, it soaks up every little detail that is presented. If anything, we need all kids and teenagers regardless of social class or race to understand that this is completely wrong, and pulling these pieces of information out of classrooms will only take away from our experience that matters the most, which is our adult life.”

“How would you feel if you got a call from your son or daughter’s school saying that they have said a racial slur or something very offensive that he/she doesn’t know the true meaning of ?” I would ask that simply because 90% of our learning comes from school, you are only around your parents for a couple hours throughout the weekdays, and you are at school for 8 hours(1/3 of the day) and sleep for another 8 (another 1/3 of the day), not to mention homework and other extracurricular activities, it’s only so much you yourself can teach them, and taking away from their main source of information will do nothing but hurt them.”

Student of the Month- Devonte Jean Philippe



Congratulations!! Devonte Jean Philippe is our student of the month! He successfully achieved 2 A's (Speech and Debate and Artistic Tech) and 4 B's (Reading, Civics, Math, and Science) this quarter. Devonte is a 7th grader at Don Estridge Middle School. Devonte attributes his academic success to the support from his family and C2G. Keep up the great work Devonte!

Thank you for your support!





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