



# MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS *Take Control of Your Future*

## Program Description

Education is the ultimate key to a brighter future. Many times, our students may not see the value of attending school regularly or pursuing academics beyond high school. "Take Control of Your Future, Part II" will help to make the connection between education, career choices and your future contribution to society.

This event will begin with our keynote speaker Rev. Charles Atkins, Jr. sharing his journey to success. Following our keynote speaker, a well-rounded group of panelists will share their educational achievements, both traditional and non-traditional pathways as they describe how it has played an integral role in their career. Union County Youth Services Commission helping our middle and high school students **"REDISCOVER THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION AND LINKING IT TO YOUR CAREER GOALS"**.

## Keynote Speaker

**Charles Atkins, Jr.** received a Masters of Divinity Degree, a Masters of Arts in Religious Education from Princeton Theological Seminary. Mr. Atkins is an ordained minister who currently works as a full-time Chaplain with the N.J. Department of Corrections at the Garden State Youth Correctional Facility. Charles is currently a Ph.D candidate in Practical Theology at the School of Theology and Religious Sciences at L'Université de Montréal in Quebec, Canada.

## Panelists

**Amanda A. Ebokosia** received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Rutgers University. She is the Founder & CEO of the Gem Project, Inc., a nonprofit organization that educates school-age children, youth and young adults about the issues that impact them and their communities. Ms. Ebokosia has been featured in numerous publications, most notable "Honored by The White House" Website, and making the annual FORBES Magazine 30 under 30's list.

**Brandon Frame** received a Bachelors of Arts in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing from Morehouse College. He currently serves as the Director of Business Partnerships and Program Development at High School Inc., in his home town of Hartford, CT. In January 2013, Brandon released an interactive journal for Black boys and men titled "The BlackManCanPresents: Define Yourself, Redefine the World, a guided Journal for Black Men and Boys".

**Nadirah Keith** received a Masters of Arts degree in Reading and Supervision in 2010 from Saint Peter's College. She currently serves as Literacy Coordinator in the East Orange School District. At present, she is pursuing a second Masters of Arts degree in Educational Leadership and is expected to graduate in May 2013. Ms. Keith was awarded the 2011-2012 East Orange School District Teacher of the Year.

**George Scott** attended Rahway High School and later obtained his GED. He is founder and business owner of Octavia Homes, LLC with his partner and sister, Sherrica McDonald. He is known as the "negotiator" working with banks and individuals negotiating purchases prices for distressed properties.

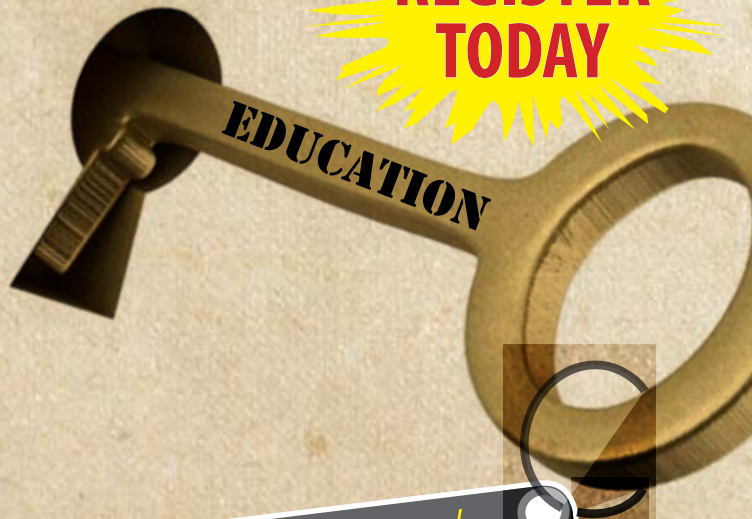
**Ebony McQueen** received her MBA in Media Management from Metropolitan College of New York. She is currently a Search Engine Marketing Supervisor at a digital marketing agency in New York City. Ebony resides in Roselle, NJ and is the founder of PRINCESS Foundation.

## Conference Information

Date: Saturday, May 18th, 2013  
Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm  
Venue: Union County College  
Kellogg Building  
40 West Jersey Street  
Elizabeth, NJ 07202

## Program Schedule

<b>AM</b>	
10:00 - 11:00	Attendee Check in
11:00 - 11:15	Welcome
11:15 - 11:45	Introduction and Keynote Speaker
<b>PM</b>	
12:00 - 12:45	Panel Discussion
12:45 - 1:00	Q&A
1:00 - 2:00	Wrap up & Survey Lunch & Networking



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