THE PASSAGE FROM MIDDLE TO HIGH SCHOOL

The Facilitators

Demetrius Brown, Sr. is a graduate from University of Wisconsin, with a Master of Science in Cultural Foundation. He is a faculty Youth Development Educator with the University of Wisconsin Extension. He has been trained as an African Centered Rite of Passage facilitator under the direction of Dr. Anthony Mensah and a research publication on African Culture. He is also a Multicultural Awareness Trainer with Visions, INC. He has created personal awareness programs for youth and adults.

Venice Williams is the Executive Director of the Kujichagulia Lutheran Center and SeedFolks Youth Ministry. She has spent the past twenty years creating and facilitating programs and passages for young people and adults, including Duafe (a rites of passage course for girls), CHOICES (a weekly gathering for girls), Women's Rites of Passage Journeys (based on the four seasons) and Creating Calm in the Eye of the Storm (a conflict transformation program for teens).

Demetrius and Venice are life partners, with a blended family of five children.

WHO SHOULD CONSIDER THIS PASSAGE FOR THE YOUTH IN THEIR LIVES?

Schools interested in a meaningful course for students that will challenge them to bring forth the best they have to offer.

Community Organizations desiring an in-depth cultural and self-awareness course for their teens.

Parents seeking a healthy, life-giving rite of passage experience for their son or daughter.

Churches eager to strengthen connections with young people in their congregations and neighborhoods.

This course is sponsored by the Kujichagulia Center and Milwaukee County-Extension Youth Development

For More Information call (414) 687-0122 or (414) 256-4620

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A Rite of Passage Journey for eighth grade students
Winter/Spring 2010
$75/journey participant
maximum of 20 participants/class

facilitated by
Demetrius Brown, Sr. and
Venice R. Williams
A rite of passage marks a time when a person reaches a significant change in his or her life. Most rites help people to understand their new roles in society and better prepare them for the future. Nearly all societies recognize and often hold ceremonies for such passages. These ceremonies are held to observe a person's entry into a new stage of life.

We have developed, *The Passage From Middle To High School*, a transitional guide for eighth grade students and their families, as a more intentional way to honor this very important passage in a young person's life. Participants will be engaged in an in-depth process of self-examination as they begin the transition from middle school student to high school freshman.

**Passage Components**

- A Family Orientation
- An exploration of personal identity
- Claiming an Historical Ancestral Guide
- An exploration of ancient cultures and indigenous teachings
- Understanding life stages
- Developing a Personal Covenant
- Creating a LifeStory
- A day of community service
- A day of nature exploration
- A ceremonial reintroduction to the community

**Rite of Passage Registration Form**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Student:______________________________

Address:______________________________________________

city_ zip code

Email:______________________________

Home Phone:________________________________________

Parent(s)/Guardian(s):______________________________

city_ zip code

Cell Phone:______________________________

Age:____ Birth date:__________________________

___Male ___Female

School:_______________________________________

Address:_______________________________________

city_ zip code

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