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**MY BROTHER'S KEEPER
(MBK) OF YONKERS
ON THEIR THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF
“FOR US, BY US”
– A CELEBRATION OF STUDENT TALENT**



We are honored to support the My Brothers Keeper of Yonkers in its mission to support the Yonkers youth.



Message from Yonkers MBK Co-Chairmen

Dear Friends,

Welcome and thank for you joining us to celebrate Yonkers My Brother's Keeper's Third Anniversary, For Us, By Us, an evening showcasing student talent. We hope you enjoy the creative expressions our young people will share with you tonight. Your presence affirms their gifts as well as their efforts and is a crucial part of sustaining durable change in our community and beyond.

Yonkers MBK is dedicated to improving opportunities and outcomes for all our youth, especially young men of color who have faced obstacles on their paths to success for far too long. The need is urgent. Our future depends upon equity and access for all youth to flourish and to enable our community to move forward together.

Since Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano accepted former President Barack Obama's My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge in 2016, we have worked with countless committed partners to provide cradle-to-college and career support to our young men. Our movement is young and growing strong, generating excitement and interest throughout the District, the City, our region and the nation. The unified commitment of the City of Yonkers, Yonkers Public Schools and the Nepperhan Community Center is the hallmark of our trajectory.

Our first year began with dynamic activity in Yonkers' eight high schools and around the community. Yonkers Public Schools laid the groundwork by focusing on MBK's six milestones, dozens of programs offered mentorship, empowerment assemblies, college and career-readiness and pathways to social capital. Yonkers Basics took hold, aiming to boost babies' brain development to give the youngest learners a strong start. Local colleges, corporations and nonprofit organizations opened new opportunities for high schoolers and graduates.

In the movement's second year, MBK expanded into elementary and middle schools and around the city. Our vibrant and unified leaders garnered more opportunities for young men as Yonkers MBK continued to attract national recognition. The Obama Foundation's My Brother's Keeper Alliance granted our lead community organization, the Nepperhan Community Center, one of 10 national Community Impact Awards to advance the work – a remarkable achievement.

This year, nearly half of Yonkers' 39 schools have established MBK chapters, with more young men embracing and being embraced by the movement every day through mentoring and access to opportunities that, in the past, were inaccessible. In October, De'Andre Brown, one of our 2019 MBK graduates, shared the stage with former President Barack Obama at the Obama Foundation's Summit in Chicago. The Nepperhan Community Center's programs to reduce violence and grow effective mentorship programs are improving life outcomes for 250 young men in our schools and the community.

As we mark this joyous anniversary, we are delighted to honor all our Yonkers MBK award winners – The Vulcan Society of Westchester County, Defenders of the Dream, Keon Lee, Tomorrow's Leader Today and Newton Acosta, Builder of the Future.

This is our second fundraising event and we are grateful for the generous level of support from so many members of our extended Yonkers MBK family. We are reminded that this is a Movement, not just a Moment of festivity. Your presence tonight signifies you believe in this movement. We hope you are inspired to join us in this work -- as a mentor, provider of internships or jobs, or as a continuing financial supporter of our life-changing programs.

Let's build this movement together, to benefit the young people who hold our future in their hands. Your commitment will help make a positive change in the lives of Yonkers youth and our community for generations to come.

With gratitude,



Dr. Edwin M. Quezada
Superintendent of Schools



Rev. Dr. Jim Bostic
Executive Director
Nepperhan Community Center

Message from Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano

Friends,

Three years ago, I accepted former President Barack Obama's My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge on behalf of the City of Yonkers. Since then, countless young men in our city have accepted the challenge to unlock their full potential as young men of color in Yonkers. I am proud to say many of them are well on their way to unlocking that potential and are on the path to climb the ladder of success in their years ahead.



Since 2016, Yonkers My Brother's Keeper has made amazing strides in providing support to our young men. Just this past year, Yonkers Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edwin M. Quezada, Executive Director of the Nepperhan Community Center Rev. Dr. Jim Bostic and I attended the Obama Foundation's My Brother's Keeper Alliance MBK Rising. It was one of my proudest moments as mayor when Yonkers was named among just 10 communities nationwide chosen for the National Impact Community Award. Yonkers even received a shout-out from President Barack Obama! The progress made in just three years is remarkable and is to be applauded. I know, by working together, we can accomplish so much more for Yonkers MBK, in which the possibilities for our students endless.

To our MBK students, as you embrace the lessons and values that Yonkers MBK instills, I ask that you remember that you are not defined by any one challenge you may face, but rather by the choices you make. Your choice to embrace MBK certainly puts you on the path to opportunity. You are true examples of what Yonkers students symbolize. Please continue to strive for the best and do not stop believing in yourselves!

Thank you to Superintendent Dr. Quezada, Executive Director Dr. Bostic and the entire Yonkers MBK Steering Committee for all your hard work and dedication to our students. Congratulations to everyone, including our MBK mentors and leaders, who make the lives of these young men better. Yonkers is stronger when we work together!

Have a wonderful evening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Spano". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "M" and a cursive "Spano".

MIKE SPANO
Mayor

Student Visual Arts Showcase and VIP Reception Program

Student Visual Arts Showcase VIP Reception and Silent Auction
6:00 PM Riverfront Gallery

Welcome Greetings	Dr. Edwin M. Quezada Superintendent of Yonkers Public Schools Yonkers MBK Co-Chairman Rev. Dr. Jim Bostic Executive Director, Nepperhan Community Center Yonkers MBK Co-Chairman Mayor Mike Spano City of Yonkers Rev. Steve Lopez, President Yonkers Board of Education
Live Event Painting	Stefano Luigi Guida, Visual Artist We Art One Artist Collective
Musical Accompaniment	String Quartet Performing & Visual Arts Magnet Program Nellie A. Thornton High School, Mount Vernon

YEDC Chairman Mayor Mike Spano
Salutes

Yonkers My Brother's Keeper

and Extends Congratulations to
Tonight's Honoree,

The Vulcan Society of Westchester County



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Student Talent Performance Showcase Program

7:00 PM Riverfront Library Auditorium

Welcome.....	Dr. Edwin M. Quezada Superintendent of Yonkers Public Schools Yonkers MBK Co-Chairman
Pledge of Allegiance	Eric Brown Cross Hill Academy MBK
Keeper	Kim Dorsey Program Director, Nepperhan Community Center Gateway Palisade Preparatory School
Message from MBK Co-Chairman	Rev. Dr. Jim Bostic Executive Director, Nepperhan Community Center Yonkers MBK Co-Chairman
Cross Hill Academy MBK Drumline	Cross Hill Academy Students Dr. Brian Doherty, Music Teacher
Fly - by Nicky Minaj	Dynasty Ashley Toribio, Thomas Cornell Academy Isabel Cardenas, St Anthony's School

Tomorrow's Leader Today Award

Keon Lee

Saunders Trades & Technical High School
Graduating Class of 2020

Builder of the Future Award

Newton Acosta

Lincoln High School
Graduating Class of 2020

Student Talent Performance Showcase Program

Moonlight Sonata by Beethoven	Noah Bodison Roosevelt High School – Early College Studies
The life we live, is the life we wish to change!	Tarquan Johnson Yonkers Montessori Academy
Palo	Multicultural Dance Ensemble Lincoln High School

Defenders of the Dream Award The Vulcan Society of Westchester County, Inc.

What's Going On by Marvin Gaye.....	Freddie Bartley School Safety Officer Saunders Trades & Technical High School
Spoken Word Performance About Me	Charles R. Smith, Jr. Author, Photographer, Poet
My Game	Aiden Bergen aka Just Aide Saunders Trades & Technical High School
Ser Bilingual	Anibal E. Alberto Jaquez Yonkers Middle High School
My Dad's a DJ	Tri-State Jericko featuring Dara Paige DJ, Performer, Rap Recording Artist
Livin.....	Jessiah Bartley aka J. Sin Saunders Trades & Technical High School
This is Me	Vocal & Dance Ensemble Saunders Trades & Technical High School
Closing Remarks	Dr. Edwin M. Quezada

Defenders of the Dream Award Honorees –

**The Vulcan Society of Westchester County, Inc.
Yonkers MBK Mentors 2017-2019**

**Reggie Crews, Matthew Abramson, Devon Chisholm,
Alvin Cummins, Jamal Epps, Gaddiel Genao, Dwayne Lewis,
Aaron McKinney, Chris Mitchell, Seth Renner**

Honoring an individual or organization that has made a substantial impact in the lives of young men of color in the City of Yonkers through active involvement with the My Brother's Keeper community.

The Vulcan Society of Westchester County, Inc. is a fraternal society of Black Professional Firefighters. Aware of the increasing complexity of problems confronting Brothers and Sisters in the fire service and within the community, the society was formed to study and solve such problems. The Vulcan Society has a goal of cultivating and maintaining professional competence among its members, and other fire service professionals, and to improve the social status of those in the community.



Tomorrow's Leader Today Award

Honoree – Keon Lee

Recognizing extraordinary achievement in an academic field, the arts, or public service. His work and actions have demonstrated concern for others, love of learning, creativity, integrity and leadership.



Keon Lee, Saunders Trades & Technical High School Class of 2020, has been an enthusiastic MBK member for three years, helping to build My Brother's Keeper into a positive force that uplifts his school community and the District as a whole.

In all that Keon does, he embodies leadership, integrity and concern for others. Keon mentors younger students in their academics and looks out for their physical and social well-being. At nearly every districtwide MBK opportunity Keon is there taking advantage of the opportunities. He participated in the First Tee golf and life lessons and LPZ Cinetech filmmaking, attended the Lower Hudson Valley MBK Youth Summit, Yonkers MBK's Second Anniversary Gala, the MBK Mothers & Sons Dinner and supports Yonkers Basics.

At Saunders, Keon has enrolled classmates into MBK, promoted and brought enthusiasm to his chapters' lively community-focused events including a breast cancer awareness fundraiser, a holiday party for the school's

exceptional students, support for Autism Speaks and Unity Day to strengthen the school's anti-bullying efforts.

Outside of MBK, Keon volunteers in the community as a Yonkers Police Cadet with his twin brother Klanell, learning about law enforcement and supporting Yonkers Police efforts at events including the Yonkers Brave vs. Force football game, Riverfest and the Hispanic Day Parade. Keon performed in Hastings High School's theatrical production of Hairspray and for many years performed at the annual fundraiser of the Stuttering Association for the Young (SAY), an arts-focused nonprofit that creates a sense of community and awareness about stuttering.

Builder of the Future Award

Honoree – Newton Acosta

Recognizing a high school student who acts as a friend, mentor or role model to an elementary, middle school and/or high school student by offering guidance, encouragement and support.



Newton Acosta, Lincoln High School Class of 2020, is an active MBK member of the school's chapter since it began three years ago. Well-liked and trusted by his classmates, Newton has enrolled many students and helped secure consistent attendance at weekly meetings. He rallies current and prospective MBK brothers to participate in worthwhile efforts, such as spending a Saturday fixing up the Runyon Heights Community Center for senior citizens and representing the Yonkers MBK table at the Hispanic Heritage celebration. When Lincoln High School hosted the Yonkers MBK Steering Committee and at the New York Streets' empowerment workshop this summer. He has encouraged and supported his MBK brothers

Newton credits My Brother's Keeper with helping him become the person – responsible, engaged and college-bound. As a junior, through focused effort, lunch time study sessions and summer school, he achieved honor roll for the first time. His hard-won academic success continues this year. Newton has been part of the NYGEAR UP program since 8th grade and has taken

advantage of the program's tutoring, college tours and the recent College Access Fair at Fordham University.

Born and raised in the Dominican Republic until the fourth grade and adjusting to a new language and school, Newton credits MBK with helping him feel at home for the first time in a school setting. Using humor and his success forward by encouraging other students to concentrate on their studies, stay off the streets and accept guidance from caring adults.

Special Guest Performers

Charles R. Smith, Jr.



Award-winning author of more than thirty books, photographer, poet, Charles Smith Jr.'s awards include a Coretta Scott King Award for Illustration (2010) for his photographs accompanying the Langston Hughes poem, *My People* and a Coretta Scott King Honor Author Award (2008) for his biography of Muhammad Ali, *Twelve Rounds to Glory*. Many of his books have also garnered reluctant reader awards for engaging tentative readers.

"Reading books filled with stories and poems inspired me to write my own. And if I wasn't reading a book, I was playing a sport," noted Mr. Smith. In high school, he joined the yearbook staff as a writer and photographer. Through trial and error, Charles soon found a new love in photography. "Right up until that point I wanted to be an astronaut, but after taking pictures nonstop for a year, I knew I wanted to become a professional photographer."

Mr. Smith writes and photographs a variety of subjects from basketball with *Rimshots*, *Hoop Kings* and *Hoop Queens* to black history with *28 Days* and *Brick by Brick*, to diversity with *I Am America* and *I Am the World*. Many of the books are brought to life through his YouTube channel that cultivates the mind, the body and spirit. Charles is harnessing the power of video to engage readers and educators in new ways.

Of the distinctive niche Mr. Smith fills with his books, he notes, "I want to show students, particularly boys, that there are many ways to pursue their interests, no matter what they may be." Charles R. Smith Jr. lives in Poughkeepsie, New York. You can find him on the web at www.charlesrsmithjr.com.

Tri State Jericko



DJ, performer, and rap recording artist Tri State Jericko has fans around the globe and DJ gigs around the country, but he always makes time to give back where it matters most – his home of Westchester County, New York. Born Darrell Morrison in Mount Vernon, New York, "Jericko" developed his passion for music early on. He was grade school friends with hip-hop pioneer "Heavy D" Dwight, listening, rapping and experimenting with new sounds together.

Moving to Yonkers as a teen, Jericko attended Yonkers High School and Lincoln High School, soon recording two singles with Select Records and later becoming a well-known party promoter. In 2006, at the insistence of

his wife Tonia, he combined his musical talent, technical know-how and charisma to become DJ Tri State Jericko.

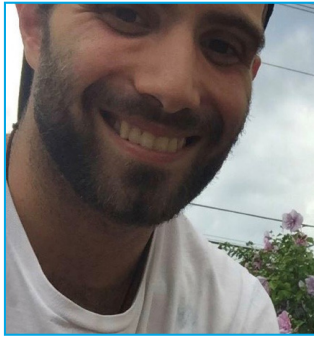
Today, Tri State Jericko, a true community DJ, shares his mixing mastery at countless Westchester events including those hosted by the Nepperhan Community Center, We Art One Artist Collective, Rising Ground, the Westchester County Police and Yonkers Family YMCA's Project SNUG. He prides himself on tailoring his music to excite any crowd and always keeps his work free of profanity.

As a rapper, Jericko invites up-and-coming musicians to record with him, most endearingly, his eight-year-old daughter Dara Paige. The father-daughter duo recently released "My Daddy is a DJ" on iTunes and YouTube. The dance song shows his daughter's vocal and dance talents, especially meaningful to Jericko because she was born premature at 1 lb. 1 oz. Jericko believes that the performance of Dara Paige, a former Valhalla Easter Seals Ambassador, inspires other families.

Tri State Jericko has recorded with Yonkers own Aniya and Lady Slim and many established artists. His third CD, "Untouchable" is due out this winter.

Special Guest Artist

Stefano Luigi Guida



Visual artist, muralist and painter Stefano Guida was born in Yonkers, New York and grew up in Westchester County and the Hudson Valley. As a youngster, he received limited arts instruction in school. Independently, he began expressing himself through writing and playing music. While completing a master's degree in art history at SUNY Purchase, making art became more prominent in his life. Today, his art is the driving force that commands his time and enriches his days.

As a writer and musician, Mr. Guida sees no boundaries between the disciplines of music, visual art, literature, dance and film. "Each informs the other despite existing as separate art forms. Inspiration can come from even the most mundane daily rituals like brushing your teeth, looking out the window of a car, or my personal favorite hiking through the woods," notes Mr. Guida. "Art is about more than just making; it's about developing your personal perception of the world around you and being able to convey your voice, ideas and emotions to others who may not share your sense of perception."

Mr. Guida explains, "As an artist I make art that feeds off the world around me, and focus on materials, composition, flow and energy. Art can be made out of anything, at any time, and in any place as long as you push yourself to make it. It's never too late to start." Mr. Guida is a proud member of the Yonkers-based We Art One Artist Collective.

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New York State MBK Fellows Reflect on My Brother's Keeper



Quamere S. Floyd
Palisade Preparatory School

MBK helps shape me to be a better person. It made me value my commitments more and become more responsible. MBK is helping build a whole community around us so we always have people to help.



John J. Sosa Aguilar
Yonkers Montessori Academy

After I joined MBK, my grades skyrocketed and I made it to the honor roll. With MBK Fellow training came more confidence in myself, comfort around other people and the ability to speak up with my opinion.



Giovanni Almonte
Saunders Trades & Technical High School

MBK has changed my entire point of view on life. My narrow path diverted into multiple paths that will all lead to great outcomes.



Keymel Washington
Gorton High School

MBK has changed my mindset. I used to be on the streets. Now I'm into the books. The people in MBK are really the foundation of it all.

Yonkers MBK's Mission

Address persistent opportunity and achievement gaps facing young men of color by providing them with cradle-to-college and career support and mentorship

Yonkers MBK Milestones

The following goals guide our movement:

1. Ensure all children enter school cognitively, physically, socially, and emotionally ready
2. Ensure all children read at grade level by third grade
3. Ensure all youth graduate from high school
4. Ensure all youth complete post-secondary education or training
5. Ensure all youth out of school are employed
6. Ensure all youth remain safe from violent crime and have a second chance

Yonkers MBK's Year Three HIGHLIGHTS as of November 2019

ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

- Exponential Growth – MBK chapters are now active in 19 schools. More than 1,000 students have joined school chapters; many more participate in MBK community programs and service projects, including out-of-school youth and incarcerated young men
- Obama Foundation's MBK Alliance Community Impact Award –Nepperhan Community Center was selected over 130 applicants to receive 1 of 10 MBK Community Impact Awards in 2018. The two-year award will fund programs to improve outcomes for 250 young men. Partners: City of Yonkers, Yonkers Public Schools, Yonkers YMCA/SNUG, Westchester County Department of Corrections
- Yonkers Graduation Rate Tops Big Five Districts – New York State Education Commissioner MaryEllen Elia publicly credited Yonkers MBK with helping to narrow the achievement gap
- State MBK Scholarship Winner - Yonkers MBK fellow De'Andre Brown was one of two students in the state awarded the Inaugural Vice Chancellor Emerita Adelaide L. Sanford Scholarship. In October, De'Andre spoke about his MBK experiences on stage at the national Obama Foundation Summit in Chicago
- NBA Cares Voices Champion – NBA Cares selected Amir Tazi, a Yonkers High School MBK 2018 graduate, as one of eight inaugural "Champions" for his work encouraging equality, unity and inclusion in his community
- Obama Foundation MBK Alliance Town Hall – Saunders MBK Class of 2019 graduate David Armah interviewed President of the Harlem Children's Zone, author Geoffrey Canada on national MBK webcast

SKILL BUILDING AND ENRICHMENT

- Future Leaders Academy – Now in its third year, nearly 100 at-risk young men of color (grades 7-11) have participated in this intensive Saturday series. The program is designed to empower students to develop leadership, real world skills, and seed an interest in STEM
- LPZ Cinetech/HBO – Students worked with professional teaching artists and mentors to create their own films and screen them at a student film event in New York City
- EmpowerYou– Nepperhan Community Center's program for young men and young women, supporting healthy families, relationships, parenting skills, financial literacy, job readiness
- Financial Literacy – Wells Fargo professionals bring lessons about budgeting, credit, and saving to our MBK high school groups
- Cross-Age Tutoring: Literacy – This sought-after program trains high school students in lesson planning and delivery and pairs them with younger learners at several elementary schools

MENTORSHIP, COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SUPPORT

- Each One-Reach One- In collaboration with the New York State Mentoring program, this fast-growing mentoring initiative has paired mentors from the Yonkers community, the Yonkers Guardians Association and the Vulcan Society of Westchester County with MBK high school students for guidance and support
- New York Streets Football – Westchester's first National Arena League team supported literacy for emerging readers, a football clinic and a summer empowerment program
- MGM/ Empire City Casino – President and COO Uri Clinton supported and spoke at several MBK events including the Senior Send-off luncheon and Lower Hudson Valley MBK Superintendents' Network meeting
- Father's Day Breakfast – Initiated and hosted by Rev. Dr. Jim Bostic and the Nepperhan Community Center, this annual event celebrates the bond between young men and their fathers and father-figure mentors
- Yonkers Basics – Community groups, libraries, churches across Yonkers host Basics workshops, which center on parenting/caregiving practices that stimulate brain development in babies under three

REGIONAL COLLABORATION AND NETWORKING

- Lower Hudson Valley MBK Alliance Youth Leadership Summit – in partnership with the Westchester County Youth Bureau, this regional alliance hosted more than 800 young men from 10 school districts for a day of bonding, skill building and inspiration
- Superintendents MBK Network – Led by Yonkers Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Edwin M. Quezada and Ossining Superintendent of Schools Dr. Raymond Sanchez, this active network of district superintendents from around the Lower Hudson Valley collaborate and organize programs around MBK milestones
- Lower Hudson Valley MBK Alliance – Yonkers MBK Co-Chairman Rev. Dr. Jim Bostic organized and oversees 10 regional MBK groups for collaboration and mutual support
- New York State MBK Fellows Program – With two fellows in 2018 and four fellows in 2019, this program provides opportunities to gain authentic leadership experience and develop service community service projects

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Best Wishes to Yonkers My Brother's Keeper for Three Outstanding Years Creating Opportunities for our Young People



The Movement Continues

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HONOREES

Vulcan Society of Westchester County

Newton Acosta, Lincoln High School

Keon Lee, Saunders Trades & Technical High School

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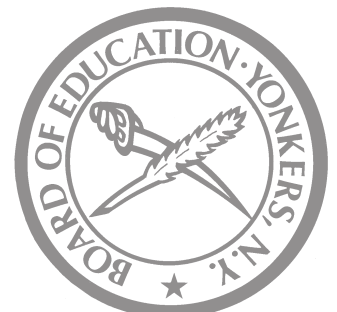
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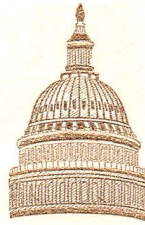
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KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND
NEW YORK



UNITED STATES SENATOR

November 15, 2019

Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to send greetings to everyone attending Yonkers My Brother's Keeper's Third Anniversary Celebration, "For Us, By Us".

Since its inception, Yonkers My Brother's Keeper has been committed to lifting up the voices and improving the future of young black and Latino men. By providing opportunities ranging from life skills trainings to group mentoring, Yonkers My Brother's Keeper is a force for change as it works to create positive outcomes in the lives of young men who are the future of this nation. I am grateful for your organization because it reminds us of the values, lessons, and ideals that will help us build a stronger future for our community, state, and country.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful event and for many more years of continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kirsten Gillibrand". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kirsten" and last name "Gillibrand" clearly visible.

Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

ANDREW M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

November 15, 2019

Dear Friends:

It's a pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for the Third Anniversary Celebration of Yonkers My Brother's Keeper: *For Us, By Us*.

Since its inception, Yonkers MBK has been committed to closing opportunity and achievement gaps impacting boys and young men of color, enabling them to reach their full potential and look forward to promising futures. In the last three years, through the collaborative efforts of sponsors, mentors, and volunteers, dozens of dynamic programs have expanded to nearly 20 schools and community organizations across Yonkers, and I'm proud to join in celebrating the organization's remarkable progress.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, I applaud everyone affiliated with Yonkers My Brother's Keeper for your exemplary commitment to empowering the success of our future leaders. Best wishes for much future success.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Andrew M. Cuomo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrew" being the most prominent.

ANDREW M. CUOMO





ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS

NEW YORK STATE SENATE, 35TH DISTRICT

PRESIDENT PRO TEM ♦ MAJORITY LEADER

I am delighted to join my friends at
My Brother's Keeper Yonkers
at your
Third Anniversary Gala Celebration:
For Us, By Us

I am pleased to extend my congratulations and best
wishes to all of this year's honorees:

The Vulcan Society of Westchester County
Keon Lee
Newton Acosta

Thank you to everyone involved for building
opportunities for our young people and helping them
achieve success in our Yonkers Community.

Best wishes to

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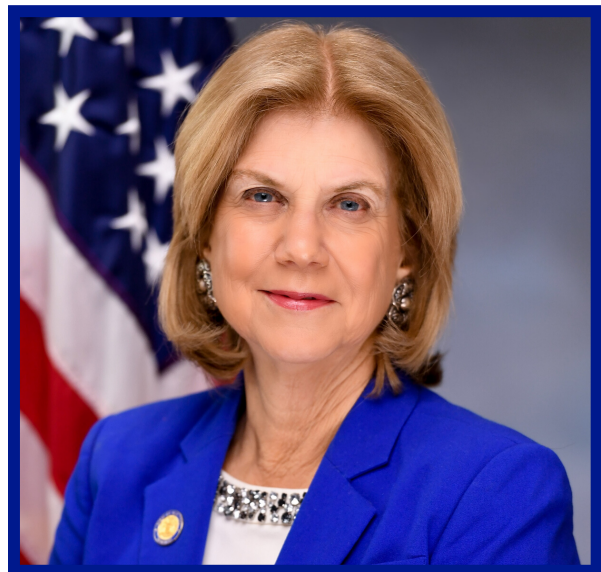
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The Vulcan Society of Westchester County



SHELLEY B. MAYER

**STATE SENATOR
37TH DISTRICT**





Assemblyman J. Gary Pretlow

is proud to salute

Yonkers My Brother's Keeper

on its

Third Anniversary Celebration

For Us, By Us

and

congratulations to

The Vulcan Society of Westchester

honored for the occasion

J. Gary Pretlow

Member of New York State Assembly

89th District



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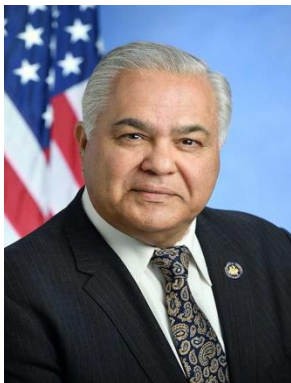
For Boys and Young Men of Color...

ON BEHALF OF THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

We salute **MBK** & the **YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

to improve the lives of our youth through.....

- *Mentorships
- *Future Leaders Academy
- *Reading buddies
- *Visual & Performing Arts
- *Training and Workshops on:
 - Mental & physical Health
 - Violence prevention
 - Healthy relationships



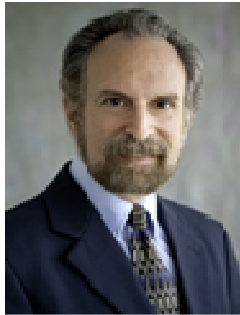
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90TH DISTRICT



CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES TO
YONKERS MY BROTHER'S KEEPER
AND THEIR 2019 HONOREE
THE VULCAN SOCIETY OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY



Hon. Michael Sabatino
Majority Leader, 3rd District



Hon. Mike Khader
City Council President



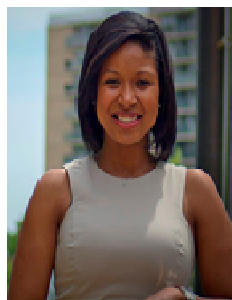
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Council Member, 2nd District



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Council Member, 4th District



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MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

YONKERS



THE WESTCHESTER CENTER FOR JAZZ AND CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

***Congratulations to Yonkers Public Schools
& My Brother's Keeper***

Three years of making a difference with our youth and community!

"There are only two kinds of music; Good music and the other kind." - Duke Ellington

Classes:

- Beginner Improvisation & Theory
- Advanced Jazz Improvisation
- Young People's Program
- Composition/Arranging



Jazz Concert Series:

FEATURED ARTISTS FALL 2019

- ELISA MINI- 09/13
- PORTER CARROLL JR.- 10/11
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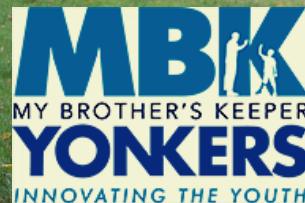
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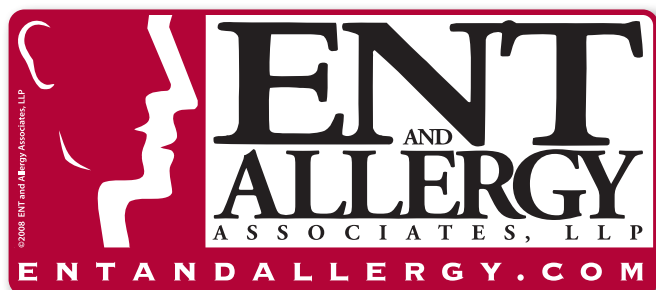
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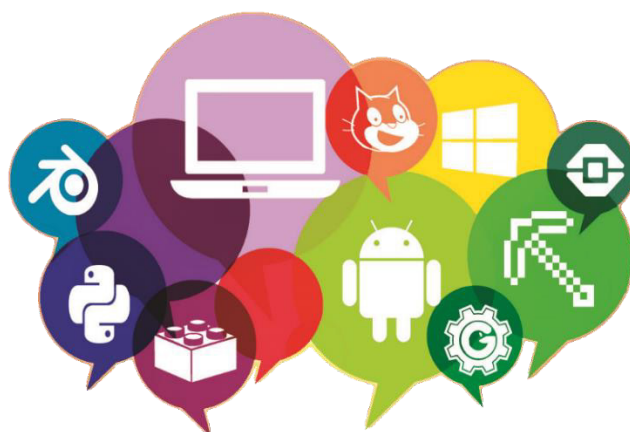
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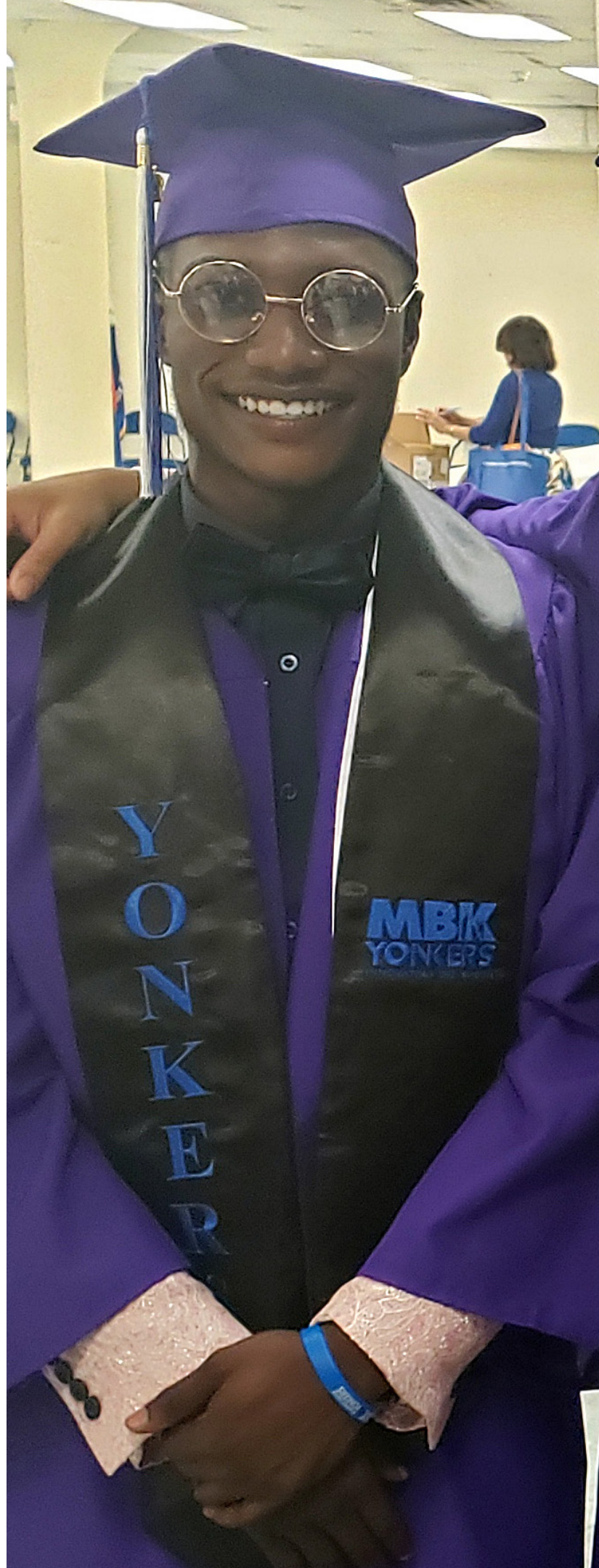
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