

PRESS RELEASE



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MAAFL Hosted its 4th Annual Holiday Party Event



Dr. Wanda Taylor and South Mountain Y Achievers

Mentoring All Americans for Leadership (MAAFL) held its 4th Annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 19th from 7-11 p.m. at 3513 W. Greenway Rd, Phoenix, AZ. Chairman Michael Williams was the Emcee for the event and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Goode were the honored guest.



Mrs. Georgie Goode and Mr. Calvin Goode

Mr. Calvin Goode offered a bit of advice to the South Mountain teens about remaining in school and choosing college for their immediate goal after high school. He also encouraged them to continue learning from the MAAFL Career Development Leadership Program.

Dr. Wanda Taylor provided a short overview of one of the series from the Career Development Leadership Program, *Cultivating the Leader Within*; she encouraged participation of the students and guests as she taught the importance of burying the negative thoughts and told them the importance of journal writing. Some of the teens provided the audience with

their personal testimonies, telling what the Career Development Program has done for them and their aspirations to attend college and become successful adults.



Efrain Marquez

Efrain Marquez stated the following: “In have enjoyed learning from Dr. Taylor’s Career Development Leadership Program; she provides me encouragement about continuing education after high school.”



Jesus Barrientos

Jesus Barrientos stated: “I enjoyed learning about *burying the negative thoughts*; it is because of that exercise, that I am very positive and confident that I can be successful after high school.

All proceeds from MAAFL’s Holiday Party Event will go to the Career Development Leadership Program, which in the past year has provided leadership training to more than 300 at-risk youth (grades 7-12), 200 homeless and domestic violence victims (ages 18-55), and more than 150 individuals who are in transition (ages 18-55).

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