



DIGITAL LITERACY

Culmination

Saturday, August 15, 2015 ~ Holman United Methodist Church

PROGRAM

- Welcome & Introductions..... Janet Denise Kelly, Executive Director
- Digital Literacy Program OverviewDr. Shani Byard
Message Media Education
- Testimonials Kristin Parnell and Jason Johnson
- Podcast Presentation

Certificates and Scholarships

- Keynote Speaker D'Artagnan Scorza, Ph.D.
- Closing remarks Sharron Hillery, Board Chair

Guest Speaker

D'Artagnan Scorza represents Board District 5 on the Inglewood Unified School District (ISUD) Board of Education. Located in Los Angeles County, California, Inglewood Unified School District serves a diverse population of more than 11,000 students (in transitional kindergarten through 12th grade) at 19 school from within the City of Inglewood and community of Ladera Heights.



Dr. Scorza grew up in Inglewood, he is a graduate of Morningside High School and is the Founder and Executive Director of the Social Justice Learning Institute (SJLI). As a US Navy Iraq-War Veteran, Dr. Scorza holds a Ph.D. in Education from UCLA, a B.S. in Liberal Studies from National University and a B.A. in the Study of Religion from UCLA. He also served as a UC Regent from 2007-2009 where he passed policies that helped expand access to education for African-American and Latino youth, established veteran's service centers and prioritized \$160 million for student services.



Janet Denise Kelly, the Executive Director has over 19 years of nonprofit management experience. She holds a BA from the University of California Los Angeles and Masters of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. She has more than 15 years of homeless service and affordable housing development experience and is a local leader on homelessness and poverty issues in Los Angeles County. Her background includes leadership, nonprofit mergers, general management, financial analysis, contracts management, and coalition-building.

Sanctuary of Hope:

Sanctuary of Hope provides housing and education stabilization and college access and retention services for transition age youth ages 16 to 25 in South Los Angeles.

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Dr. Shani Byard is a professor and consultant who specializes in educational leadership for social and racial justice. A proud native of Leimert Park Los Angeles, Dr. Byard spent the early part of her career in TV and music video production, working with hip hop icons including Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, Eminem, etc. She left the media production industry understanding the damaging impact media influence has on the minds of young people, and redirected her career towards media and arts education. Noticing a severe lack of media literacy and cultural education in our school systems and curricular framework, Dr. Byard set out to fill the void. In 2008, she founded Message Media Education (MME)– the only Afro-Media Literacy, professional development training company in the nation.



Message Media Education:

Message Media Education trains Black and non-Black youth, adults, seniors, educators and other professionals to become 21st Century visionaries, transcend the influence of media stereotypes, cultivate interracial understanding and close digital divides within Black communities, and throughout institutions, non-profit organizations, businesses and learning spaces serving Black youth. All professional development trainings emphasize cultural awareness, critical media literacy, technology proficiency and visionary leadership.

<http://MessageMediaEd.org>