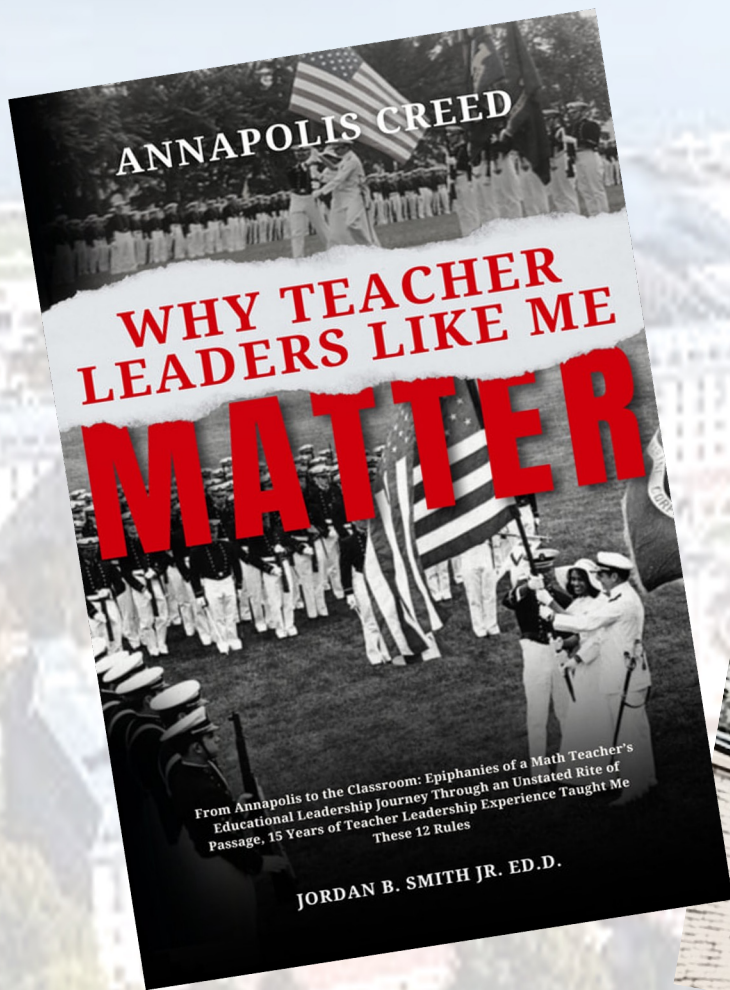




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FROM ANNAPOLIS TO
THE CLASSROOM - MY
EDUCATION IN ARMS-
MY CALL TO DUTY

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**THE BEST
LEADERS
ARE ALSO
TEACHERS**



THE ROLE OF TEACHER LEADERS

January 1957





**8th Grade Graduation Picture
Lexington Grade School May 1968**

**IMPORTANCE OF
REPRESENTATION AND ROLE
MODELS IN EDUCATION TO
LIFE-LONG LEARNER**

I HAVE A DREAM



I Have a Dream,

that my four children will
one day live in a nation
where they will not be
judged by the color of
their skin, but by the
content of their character.

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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August 28, 1963 -

I was 9 years old, I never heard that speech, no TV, no Radio, no newspaper article.

Five years later, the same story, but I was 13 years old, an 8th Grade student on Thursday, 4 April 1968, Martin Luther King was shot **dead** while standing on a balcony outside his second-floor room at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis.

I was 14, a new freshman at CBC Military Institute, when I first heard the N-word from someone at the front of the classroom, and all the faces turning to see how I would react.

MARTIN LUTHER NEVER KNEW THAT BECAUSE OF HIM

- MY PARENT'S MINDSET CHANGED ABOUT SENDING ME TO CBC MILITARY INSTITUTE (AN ALL WHITE SCHOOL)
- I CHANGED MY PEERS MINDSET AT CBC ABOUT MY ABILITIES (FROM THAT-WORD TO SCHOLAR LEADER TO MILITARY LEADER (DRILL PLATOON COMMANDER & BRIGADE ADJUTANT))
- MY PERSONAL MINDSET PROVIDED A RESISTANCE TO RACISM (ACTIONS LOUDER THAN WORDS)

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS COLLEGE MILITARY INSTITUTE (Clayton, MO.)



1968-1972

Brigade Adjutant,
Damien Saber Leadership Award,
School Record, 400-yard Dash
National Honor Society,
Saint Louis University Scholarship,
Nomination to United States Naval
Academy

**Established on 10 October
1845, under Secretary of the
Navy George Bancroft,
Annapolis is the second oldest
of the United States five service
academies and educates officers
for commissioning primarily into
the United State Navy and the
United States Marine Corps.**



**First Black to
Graduate on
June 3, 1949**

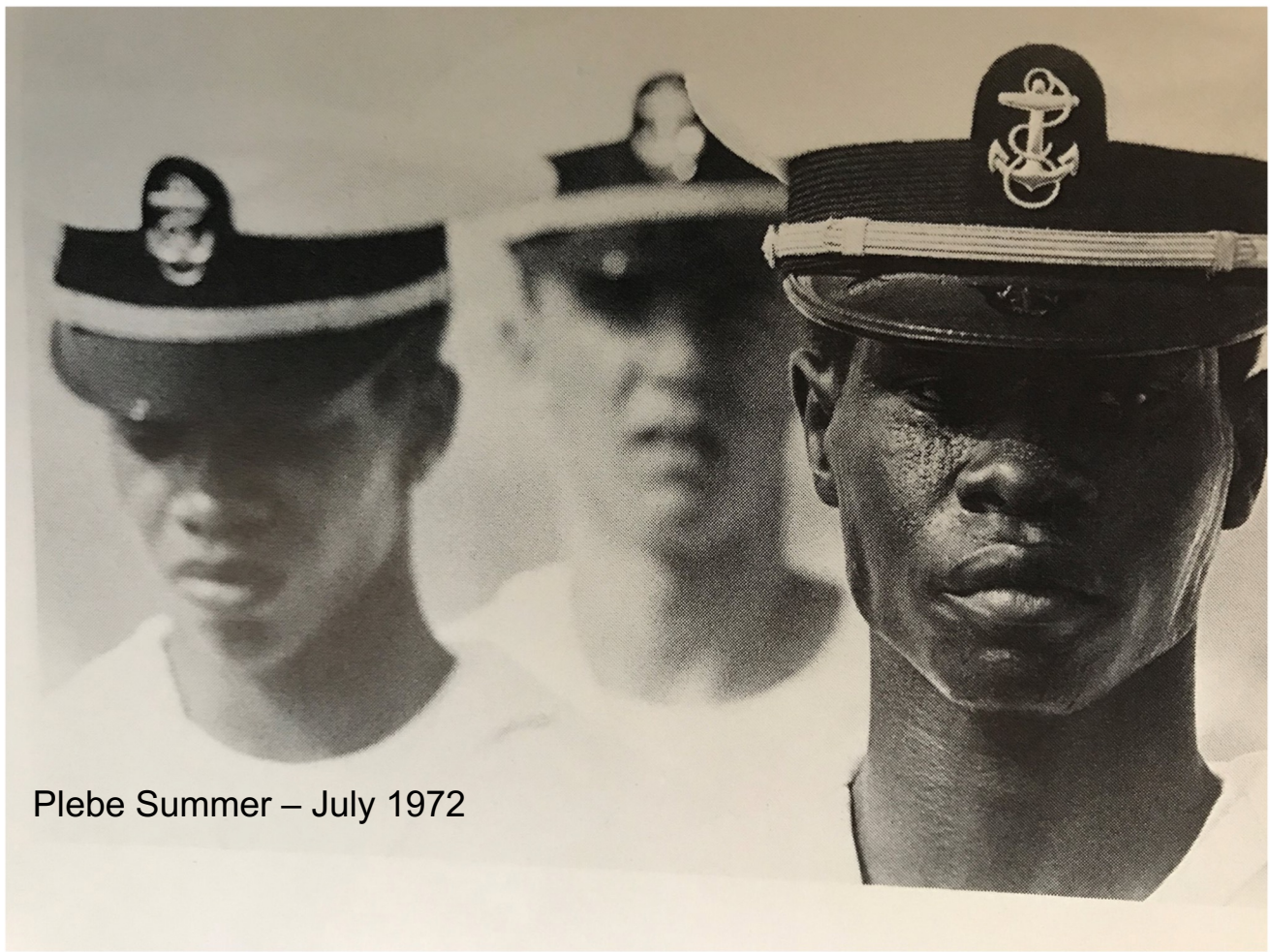


Wesley Brown





JUNE 1972
200+ MINORITIES
INCLUDING
AFRICAN AMERICANS
ENTER ANNAPOLIS

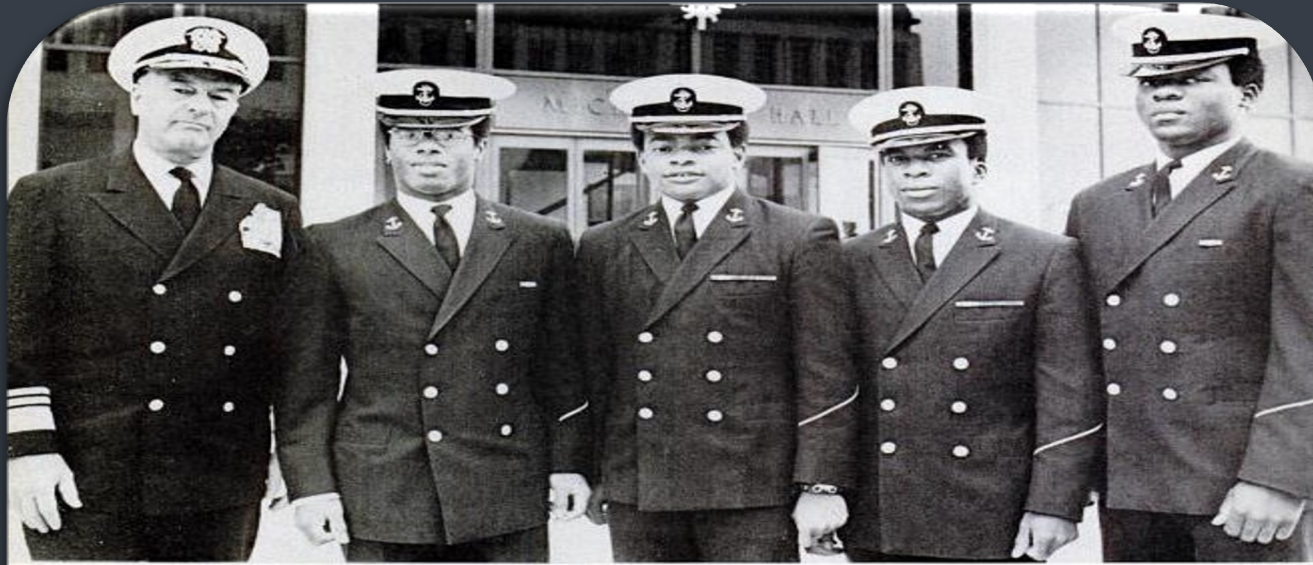


Plebe Summer – July 1972

December 1972



Ebony
Magazine
1975



At U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., Vice Adm. William Mack poses with sophomore class officers (L to r.) Cleveland Cooper, treasurer; Cozy Bailey, vice-president; Henderson Lawson, president; and Ron Coulter, secretary. Below, part of 4200-man brigade of midshipmen assemble for traditional noon formation prior to entering mess hall.

FOUR AT THE HELM

Mentorship and Leadership Development.

Class of 1975

"LEADERSHIP IS ABOUT MAKING OTHERS
BETTER AS A RESULT OF YOUR PRESENCE
AND MAKING SURE THAT IMPACT LASTS
IN YOUR ABSENCE."
SHERYL SANDBERG





1976 Spring Set
First
Black Brigade
Commander

JET MAGAZINE – JUNE 1976



Navy's Annapolis Names First Black Color Girl

A 20-year-old magna cum laude graduate of Fisk University has been named the U. S. Naval Academy's first Black Color Girl.

As Color Girl, Stephanie E. McManus will transfer the national Navy and academy colors from 1976 winner, the 120-man 17th Company.

The Color Girl is chosen by the new Honor Company. The commander of the 1976 Honor Company, J. B. Smith of St. Louis, became one of the few Blacks to ever attain the post of company commander earlier this spring.



Midshipman J. B. Smith hugs new Color Girl Stephanie McManus.

This Week in Black History

June 19, 1863—News of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation reached Texas. The Jan. 1, 1863, proclamation stated that slaves in states still in rebellion would be freed. The day is celebrated in Texas and many other southern states as "Juneteenth."

June 21, 1859—Henry Ossawa Tanner, distinguished American artist whose painting gained world renown at the Paris Exposition in 1900, was born in Pittsburgh, Pa. The French government later purchased Tanner's "Raising of Lazarus" to hang in the Louvre Museum in Paris.

June 23, 1896—Booker T. Washington was the recipient of the first honorary degree ever given a Black by Harvard University. The degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him by Harvard President Dr. Charles Eliot. Washington was trained at Hampton Institute and then went on to establish Tuskegee Institute in Alabama in 1881. The years between 1895 and 1915 are often referred to as the Age of Booker T. Washington. He had more power than any other Black in the history of the nation. Serving as consultant to presidents, he was dubbed the "unofficial Secretary of Negro Affairs."



Booker T. Washington



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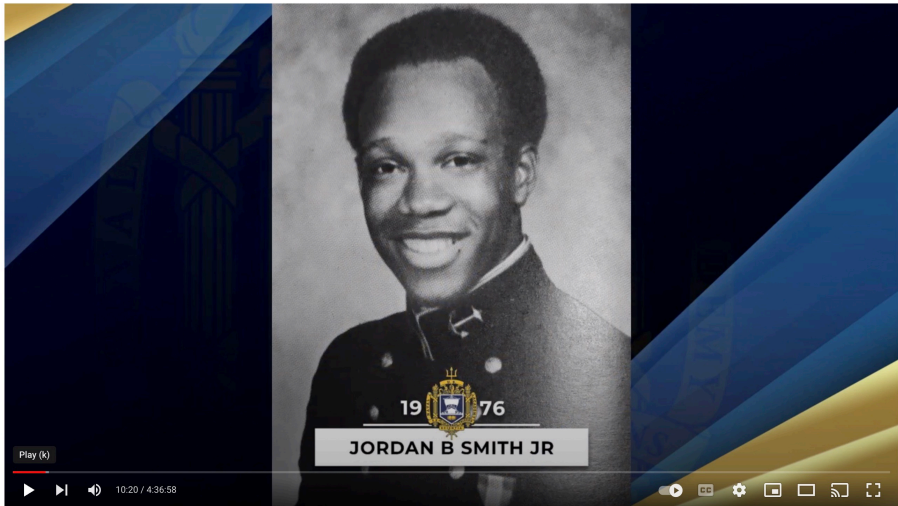
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A short documentary film highlighting 150 years of Black achievement at the United States Naval Academy. Show more



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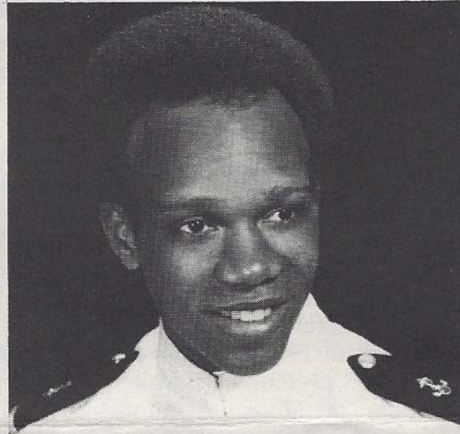
At the Gala celebrating 150 Years of Black Achievement at USNA, part of the 2022 USNA Alumni Leadership Forum, we had a graduate reel with Black graduates from 1949 to the present. [Show more](#)

Technician's Son Is Annapolis Graduate

Postal Source Data Technician **Jordan B. Smith** had the honor of witnessing his elder son's graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD on June 2. Jordan B. Smith, Jr. now wears the gold bars of Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Midshipman Smith was Commander of the 17th Company. Smith's company had the distinction of being this year's Color Company for the Brigade of Midshipmen by amassing more points than any of the other 35 companies in the graduating class. His company climbed from 12th to first place to win this honor through intense competition in sports, academic improvement, professional competence, and extracurricular activities.

The day before graduation the Brigade of Midshipmen Color Parade was held on the grounds of the Academy. Smith, the first Black man to command a Color



Jordan B. Smith, Jr.

Company at Annapolis, selected Stephanie B. McManus of Annapolis as the 1976 Color Girl. It was her honor to transfer the Colors to the midshipmen who will form next year's Color Guard. She is a 20-year-

old *magna cum laude* graduate of Fisk University, and the first Black Color Girl at the Naval Academy.

During the parade Smith became the recipient of two awards—The Forrestal Award, a silver tray, is presented each year to the Midshipman Commander of the Color Company, which by its overall excellence wins first place in the Intra-Brigade Competition. The Stewart Wight Hannah Memorial Trophy is a silver bowl engraved each year with the number of the new Color Company and the name of the Color Company Commander. The bowl is displayed during the academic year in Bancroft Hall to promote even greater *esprit de corps* in the Brigade.

Smith, 22, was graduated from Christian Brothers College here in 1972. His younger brother, Kenric, 17, will be a senior there next fall. Kenric accompanied his father to the graduation ceremonies.

2nd Lieutenant
June 1976



AUGUST 1984

- EXECUTIVE OFFICER CSSD-41
- HQSVC BN S-4 OFFICER
- COMMANDING OFFICER , HEADQUARTERS COMPANY (1371)





Major 1987

Operation Desert Shield - 1990

Operation Desert Storm - 1991



MY EDUCATION IN ARMS

UNSTATED RITE OF PASSAGE

MY CALL TO DUTY

Teachers are the
unsung heroes who
have the opportunity
to shape a student's
character and future.



Teaching
IS MY
Super
POWER

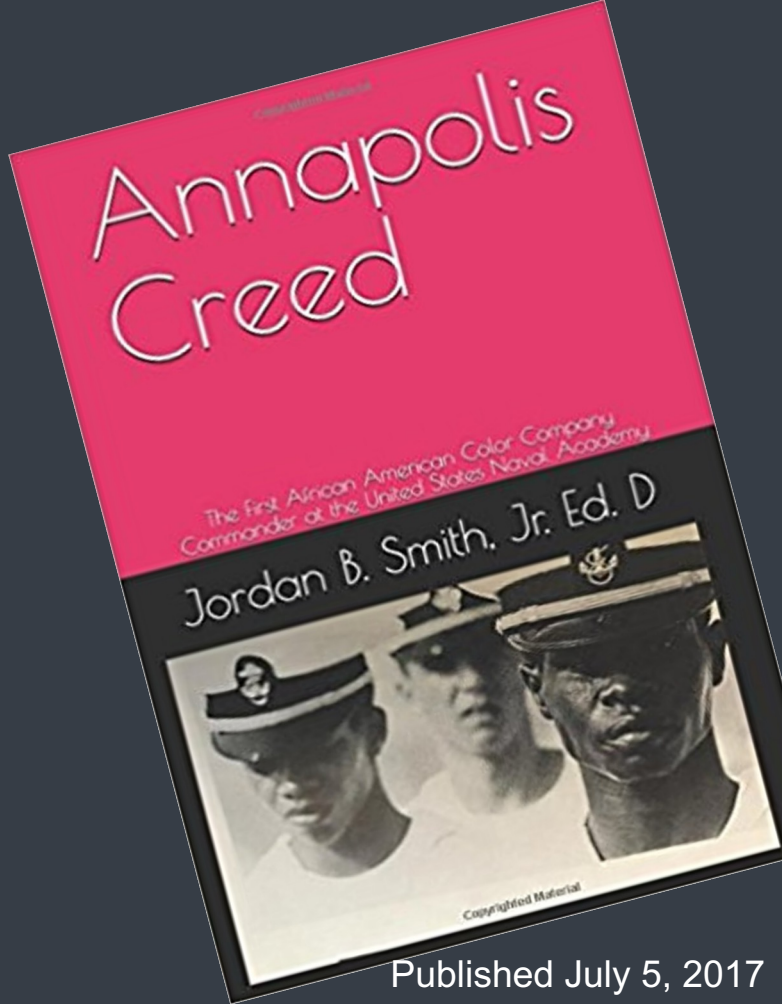
The graphic features the word 'Teaching' in a large, elegant cursive font at the top. Below it, 'IS MY' is written in a bold, sans-serif font inside a black banner. Underneath the banner, 'Super' is written in a cursive font, flanked by a lightbulb icon on the left and a pencil icon on the right. At the bottom, 'POWER' is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Small starburst icons are scattered around the central text.

TO MAKE MATH FUN AND ENGAGING – NO MATTER WHAT

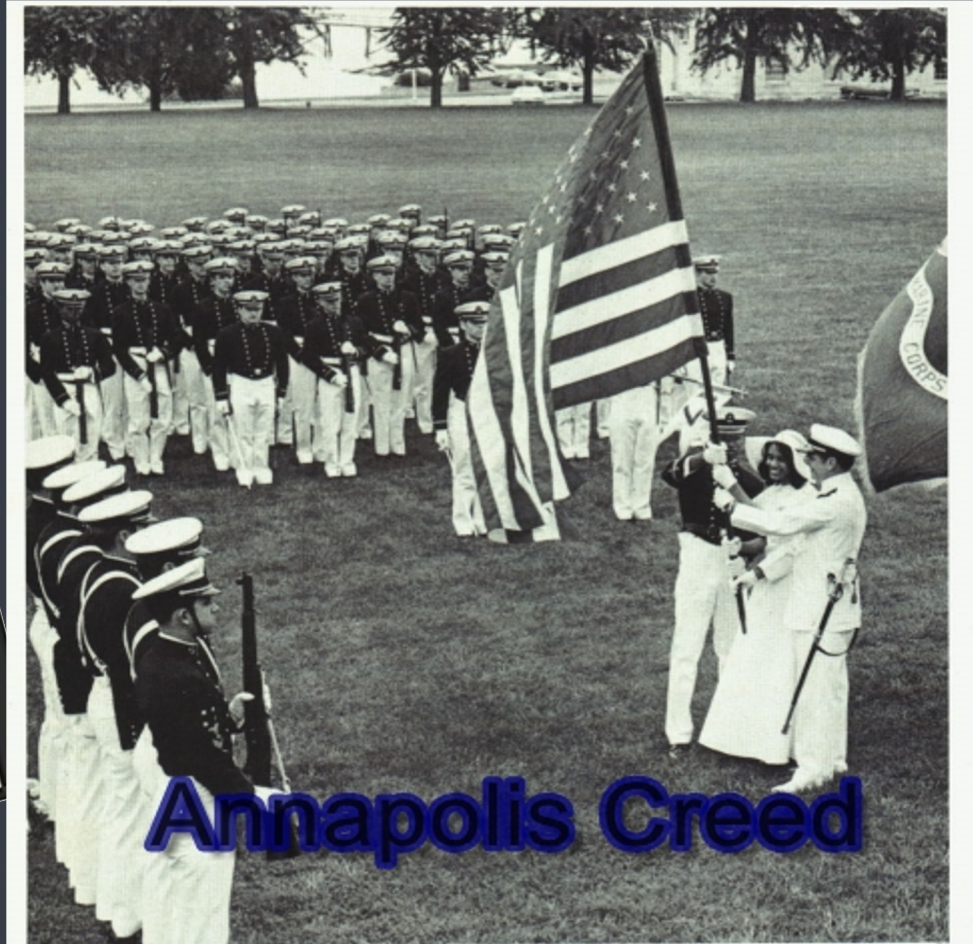
What is Your Why Today – Turn and Talk – 30 Seconds

1. BECOME A HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHER BY CULTIVATING A GROWTH MINDSET AND CONTINUOUS LEARNING.
2. FIND A MENTOR-BUILD RELATIONSHIPS AND COLLABORATE WITH COLLEAGUES.
3. BECOME A CHANGE AGENT - ADVOCATE FOR EQUITY AND DIVERSITY IN EDUCATION - CREATE OPPORTUNITIES
4. LEAD BY EXAMPLE WITH PASSION AND EMPATHY - WRITE WITH PASSION

THE FOUR STEPS TO BECOMING A TEACHER LEADER



Published July 5, 2017



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Gettysburg Address Diamond Six Leadership

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, upon this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

July 12, 2017

ABOUT EDUCATION

THE FUNCTION OF EDUCATION IS TO TEACH ONE TO THINK INTENSIVELY AND TO THINK CRITICALLY. INTELLIGENCE PLUS CHARACTER - THAT IS THE GOAL OF TRUE EDUCATION.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



(www.brainyquote.com, 2019)

MSJC theme is to 'resist intolerance'

MSJC Information

Students, residents, faculty, staff and officials gathered at Mt. San Jacinto College on Jan. 21 to honor the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with the theme of "Resistance to Racism and Intolerance" at the 13th annual MLK Unity Breakfast.

Guest Speaker Dr. Jordan B. Smith Jr., inspired the crowd of about 150 people with "My Path of Resistance Through Racism."

Dr. King "had a vision. He had a dream. I didn't know at that time that he was speaking to me," said Smith, who served in the Marines, rising to the rank of major during his highly decorated career.

Today, Smith teaches math at Mountain View High School, an alternative school in San Jacinto.

"I am a restorer. I change their mindsets," Smith said, noting that he helps many of his students



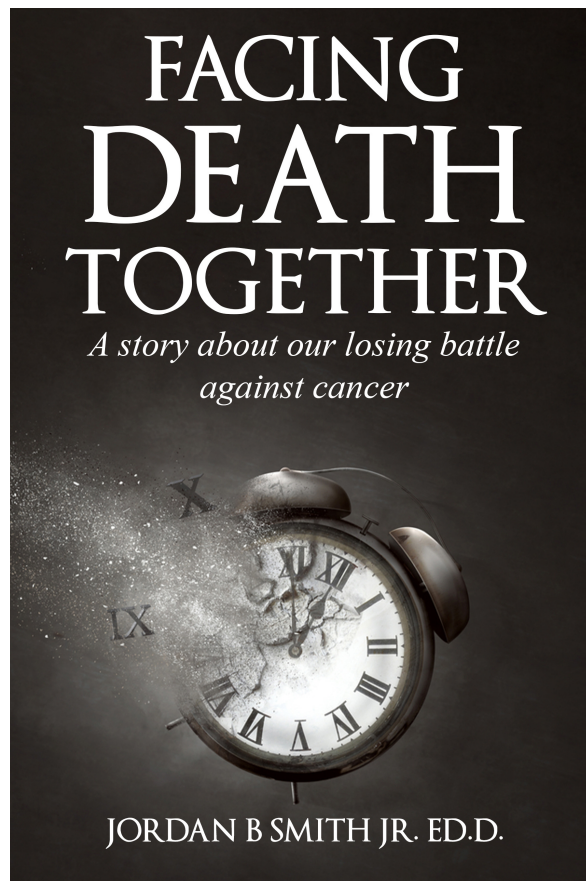
Guest speaker Dr. Jordan B. Smith Jr. addressed the crowd at the MLK Unity Breakfast. Photo courtesy of MSJC

first place in the MLK Day

world, the painting will

Keynote Speaker at Mount San Jacinto College on **January 21, 2019**, at the 13th Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration. I stated that Dr. King "had a vision. He had a dream. I didn't know that at the time he was speaking about me."

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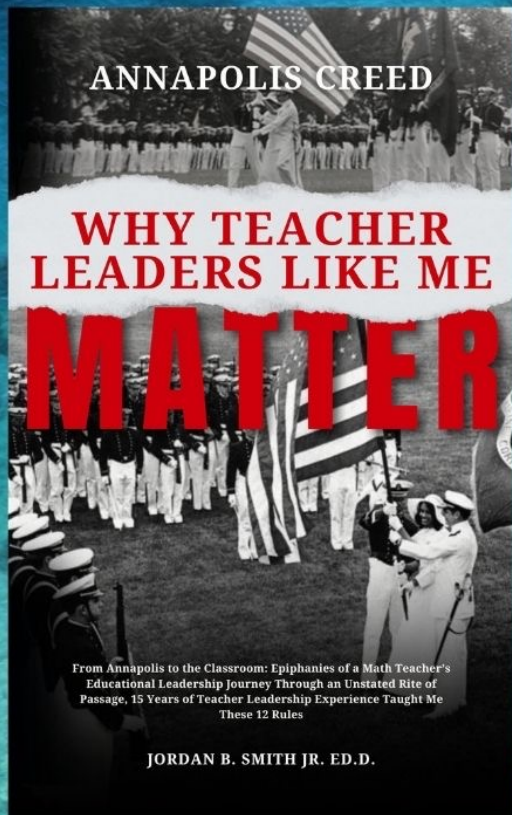
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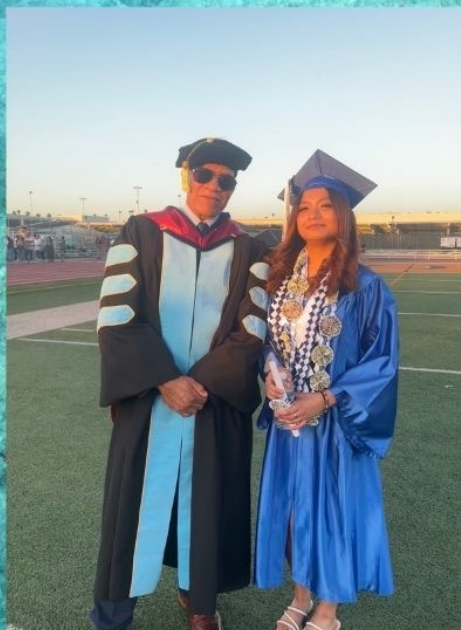
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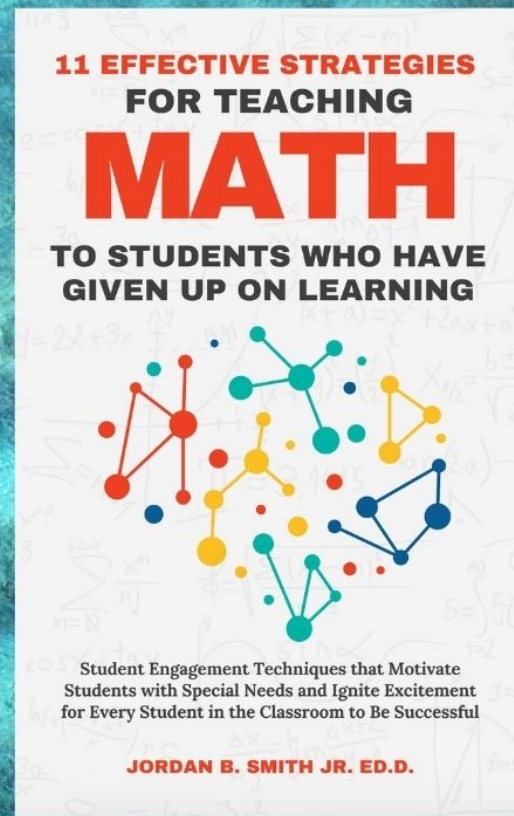
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THE POWER OF INCLUSION

**INCLUSION IS NOT A
MATTER OF POLITICAL
CORRECTNESS. IT IS THE
KEY TO GROWTH, UNITY,
AND SUCCESS."**



TOP 5 QUALITIES OF EFFECTIVE TEACHERS, ACCORDING TO TEACHERS

- Ability to develop trusting, **productive** relationships.
- Patient, caring, kind.
- Knowledge of learners.
- **Dedication** to teaching.
- Subject matter knowledge.

RULE #1: RESPECT WILL GET YOU FAR

RULE #2: COMMUNITY BUILDING IS FUNDAMENTAL

RULE #3: CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

RULE #4: EMPATHY IS A TOOL

RULE #5: COURAGE IS ESSENTIAL

“Conscience is the root of all true courage; if a man would be brave let him obey his conscience.”

–James Freeman Clarke

ARE YOU A COURAGEOUS TEACHER?

DO YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO BECOME A TEACHER
LEADER FROM WITHIN THE CLASSROOM?

TURN AND TALK

*RULE #6: **RELATIONSHIPS** ARE THE CORNERSTONE*

RULE #7: COMMUNICATIONS MATTER

*RULE #8: YOU ARE AN **AGENT OF CHANGE***

RULE #9: PD MUST BE MEANINGFUL

*RULE #10: **CONFRONTATIONS** HAPPEN*

*RULE #11: YOU MUST BE **ANALYTICAL***

RULE #12: NEVER STOP LEARNING

MY JOURNEY – ADVOCACY IS MY WEAPON

SJUSD - VISION 20/20 COMMITTEES, AFRICAN AMERICAN ADVISORY COUNCIL – TEACHER VOICE

25 PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS 2015-PRESENT:

- CALIFORNIA MATHEMATICS COUNCIL (CMC), IGNITE 2022
- CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FOR THE GIFTED (CAG)
- NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS (NCTM)
- NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SUPERVISORS OF MATHEMATICS (NCSM),
- CALIFORNIA CONTINUATION EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (CCEA)
- COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATORS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION (CASE)
- NCSM VOLUNTEER (2019-PRESENT)
- NCSM UNCOVERING STORIES 55TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

ACCREDITATION OF SCHOOLS COMMISSION - WESTERN ASSOCIATION SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

VISITING COMMITTEE MEMBER 2015-2018

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TEACHER OF THE YEAR MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL (2015)

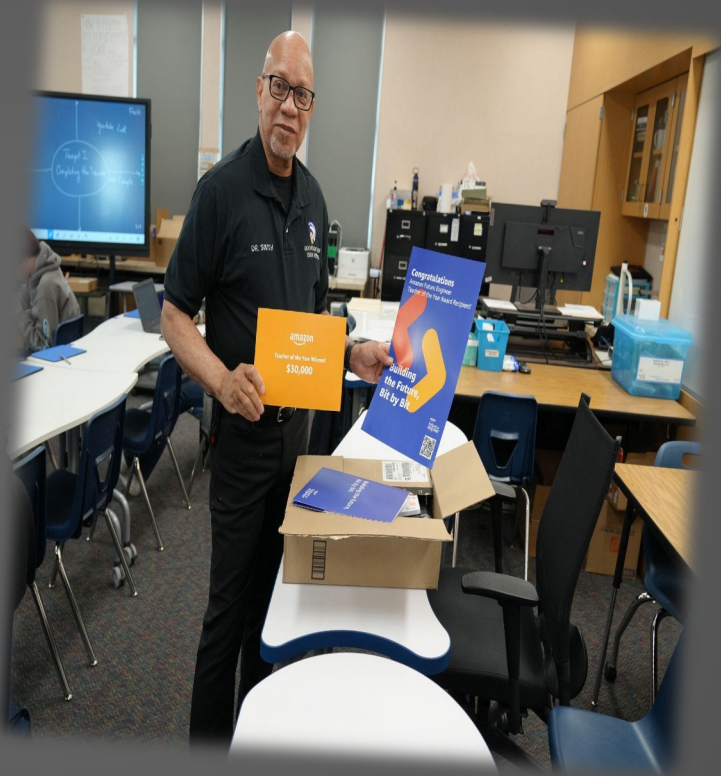
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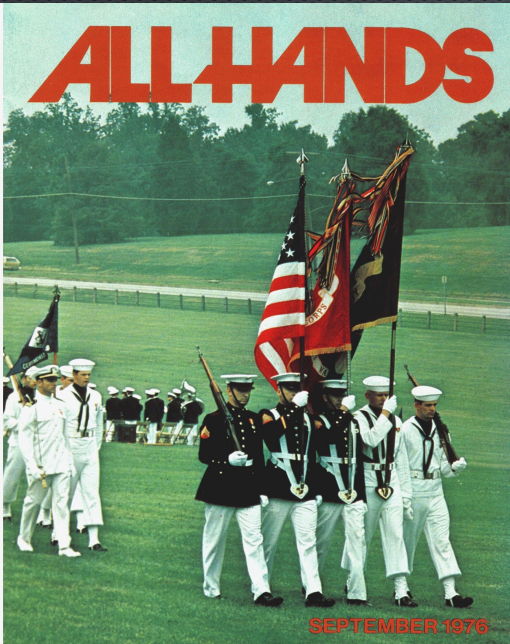




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**Making Math Fun for Elementary
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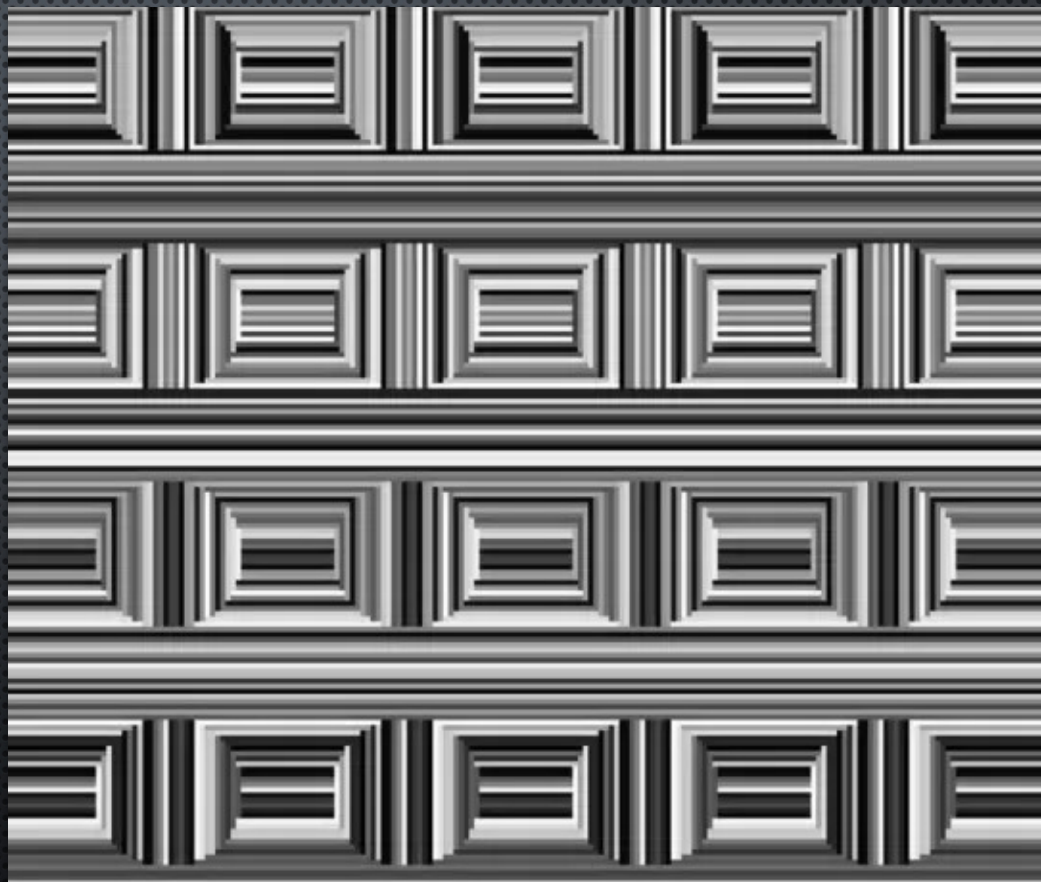




Class of 2023



Class of 2024



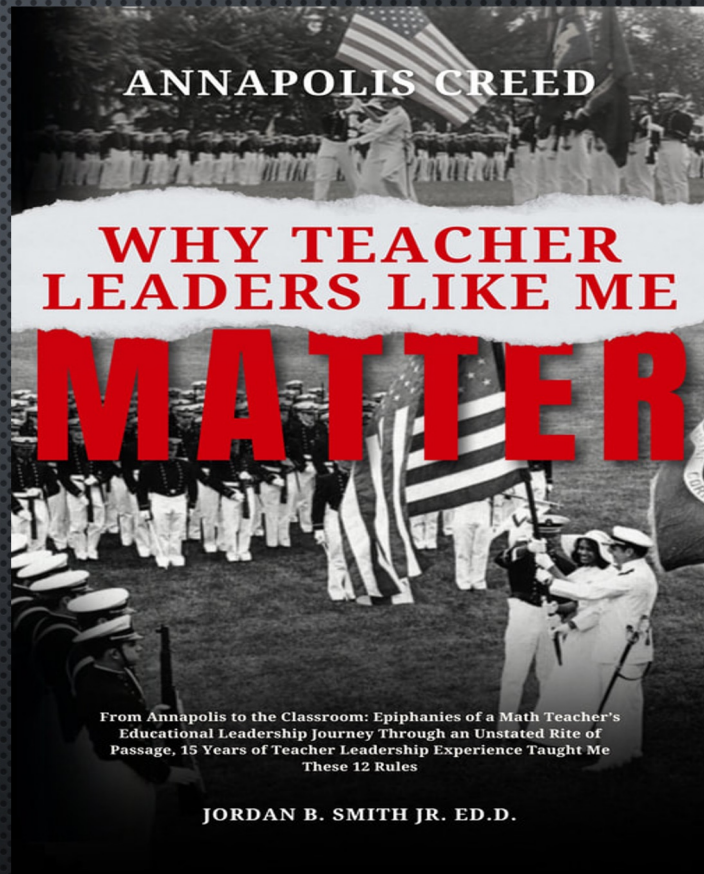


LESSONS LEARNED

- YOU CAN NEVER STOP LEARNING - EDUCATION IS THE KEY
- MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTERS ARE THE PATHWAY OUT OF POVERTY
- EARN RESPECT - BY DOING MORE THAN THEY CAN EXPECT
- DO MORE TO EARN MORE - NO EXCUSES



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