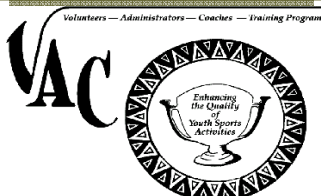


# VAC Training Program Press

Volunteers, Administrators & Coaches Training Program



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## Youth with Disabilities Programming '09

### Mission

To equip young adults and adult participants with the knowledge and awareness that ensures quality practices and strategies for youth activities. WSU/VAC training will also provide education about the skills necessary to enhance the physical and emotional well-being of the youthful participants involved in organized sports in southeastern Michigan.

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Our relationship with the Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Detroit Day School for the Deaf has become a great partnership.

Because of our partnership and same ideology about helping young people with disabilities have the same opportunities and experiences as mainstream youth.

We have been able to reach many young people and their families in the Metro-Detroit area that that have never been provided

for in the past.

Over the last three years with funding from the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan and the Detroit Youth Foundation, we have trained students to serve as coaches and officials for the for a variety of sports, as well as to work with individuals that are both deaf and hearing impaired and blind and sight impaired.

This year we obtained additional funding from the Carls Foundation,

which allowed us to offer Sports and Technology Camps for youth with disabilities as well. This resulted in us tripling the number of Sports and Technology Campus that we offered this year.



## WSU/VAC Summer Programming

This was our 9<sup>th</sup> year of summer programming. We strive to improve the quality of the programs that we provided Metro-Detroit youth and adults.

That being said, we served over 1,300 youth, which tripled the number of programs we provided last year. The number of Self-Esteem Camps and Self-Esteem Football Camps has doubled and the number of youth coaches has increased.

Mrs. Willis the coordinator of our Self Esteem Camps added the Detroit Library as a camp locations and added several enhancements to the existing curriculum.

We also provided staff who serviced the 2,800 youth that participated in Metro-Youth Day, which is held annually on Belle Isle. We are looking to increase the number of

Self-Esteem Camps that we offer to Boys and Girls Club, Camp Peace, and the West Side Culture and Athletic Club in the future.



## Sports & Technology Programming

Last summer, DTE Energy Foundation, the Youth Development Commission, the Detroit Recreation Department's Youth Division, Carls Foundation and Macomb Community College, provided us the opportunity to facilitate our 2<sup>nd</sup> year of "Sports & Technology Camps".

We conducted eight Sports and Technology Camps in collaboration with the Detroit Public Library, Kaplan Institute, the Greater Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Detroit Housing Commission, Camp Peace, and the Detroit Day School for the Deaf.

Topics that were covered include:

- Technology and the Global Economy
- Famous African American Inventors
- Digital Media
- Visual Communication
- Animation and Video Game Design
- e-Business
- Using Social Networking for Business

Programming was facilitated at Macomb, the campus of Wayne State University, the Detroit Day School for the Deaf, the Main Branch of Detroit Public Library and Chosen Generation with the assistance of our Youth Officials.

All of the Sports and Technology Program participants received library cards and those that were 13 years old and older were exposed to Hype Center and participated in activities the Hype Center offered. Additionally, we have extended the scope of our services to include offering after-school and weekend programming one week day a week.



### Featured Administrator: Mrs. Maxine Willis

Maxine Willis has been in the field of Substance Abuse Prevention for over 30 years. Ms. Willis helped to co-create one of the first prevention programs in the country aimed at pre-school age children and has traveled the country training teachers, counselors, and health-care professionals in prevention strategies for young children.

She is currently the Executive Director of the Kids Enjoy YourSelves Without Drugs

Program which she founded in 1989 to educate children, families and the community at large to the dangers of drugs and the importance of happy healthy living. In an effort to get prevention concepts in the home she created a Children's TV Show call K.E.Y.S. KIDS in which she is Host and Producer. The show has been airing on TV 20 for over 15 years.

#### IF I HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS, REMEMBER

They are special, but I am not.  
 I'm not a "special child", but a child with special needs.  
 Be sensitive, and make allowances.  
 But whenever it is possible, treat me like all the rest.  
 Don't let those special needs be all you see of me.  
 Give me the dignity of living with the same rules as the others.  
 Not set apart, or different, except where I must be.  
 Keep me, and others, from using handicaps!

Author: Ruth Reardon  
 From: Listening to the Littlest

*Now is the  
 accepted time,  
 not tomorrow,  
 not some more  
 convenient  
 season.*

*It is today that  
 our best work  
 can be done and  
 not some future  
 day or future  
 year.*

*It is today that  
 we fit ourselves  
 for the greater  
 usefulness of  
 tomorrow.*

*Today is the  
 seed of time,  
 now are the  
 hours of work,  
 and tomorrow  
 comes the  
 harvest and the  
 playtime.*

*~ W.E.B. Du Bois*

# Year in Review: 2008 Events

## Emerging Technology Academy

The Emerging Technology program is an after-school and weekend Career and Technical Education program designed to provide youth the opportunity to enhance their digital literacy. As part of the program, youth obtain practical hands-on skills in Internet Surfing, Microsoft Office, Website Development, and Video Game Development. With the implementation of the Emerging Technology Academy has come the need for technology trainers.

To this end, we have started a pilot technology trainer program for the youth officials that were interested in being trainers. Since September, those youth officials have been facilitating the weekend sessions. Starting in January 2009 and continuing until the first week of June 2009, we will conduct a formal Train the Trainer program in collaboration with the YMCA's Y-Arts program. One of goals of the program will be to have the trainers obtain the International Computer Drivers License Level 1.

## The Ron Simpkins Invitational

### Golf Outing

The golf outing was held at Rogell Golf Course in the northwestern side of Detroit. The outing was sponsored by D.P.O.A., Four Star Trucking, Top Cat Sales, Crown Trophies, and the Wayne State University College of Education. Various executives and community based-business participated in the event. The funds generated from the outing will be used to provide financial support to the many educational workshops and programs in metropolitan Detroit.

## Self-Esteem Camps

This program is a collaboration between WSU/VAC and the KIDS Enjoy YourSelves Program. The goal is to provide youth with a one-day dose of fun and educational experiences to enhance self-esteem. Information regarding drug prevention, gang/ violence mediation and self-esteem building was provided. During the 2008 programming year, we increased the number of camps we conducted to 8. Funders for these camps include the Detroit Lions Charities and the Youth Development Commission.

## Self-Esteem Football Camps

Coach Young is the coordinator of our Self Esteem Football Camps and the youth officials that assisted in facilitated the camps were from Frederick Douglas High School. After having attended numerous WSU/VAC training sessions, he has been certified by our program to work with youth. During the 2008 programming year, we increased the number of camps we conducted to 9. Funders for these camps include the Detroit Lions Charities and the Youth Development Commission.

## POP Warner Program

WSU/VAC provided 4 workshops for the Southeast Michigan POP Warner football program. One was a cheerleading coordinators workshop, which was held at Chosen Generation Church, with the other being coaches' clinic held on the WSU campus. Additionally, POP Warner coaches utilized Wayne State University computer labs to conduct the 1<sup>st</sup> Online Certification.

The Coaches Clinic was held on the campus of Wayne State University and facilitated by Keith Gilmore of the University of Cincinnati. More than 650 coaches participated in our 2008 programming.



*Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.*

*~ Booker T. Washington*

*The greatest achievement must begin somewhere, and they always begin with the person.*

*~James Baldwin*

## Program Administrators



**Delano W. Tucker, Ed.D**  
Director, WSU/VAC

Dr. Tucker, formerly Assistant to the Dean of the College of Education at Wayne State University, is currently an Assistant Professor in the Kinesiology, Health and Sport Studies program. He earned an Ed.D. in Education Administration at Wayne State University, an M.A. in Educational Psychology from Michigan State University, and a B.S. in Psychology from Wayne State University.

Dr. Tucker serves as the Director of the Wayne State University/VAC Program. He has served as Athletic Director, Head Coach, and intern for a variety of Collegiate and Professional Organizations to include the University of California-Davis, Michigan State University, the San Francisco 49ers and Detroit Lions.



**Ron Simpkins, B.S., CYSA**  
Associate Director, WSU/VAC

The Wayne State University's Volunteers, Administrators and Coaches (VAC) Training Program was the brainchild of Ron Simpkins. Mr. Simpkins earned a B.S. in Communications from the University of Michigan and is currently pursuing an MA in Sports Administration at Wayne State University.

Mr. Simpkins was an All-American linebacker when playing for University of Michigan under the guidance of "Bo" Schembechler and still holds the career tackle record of 516. Additionally, he played for the Green Bay Packers and was a member of Cincinnati when they participated in Super Bowl XVIII



**Terrance Campbell, MSISM, MA Ed**  
Program Manager, WSU/VAC

Terrance Campbell, formerly Campus College Chair for College of IT for the University of Phoenix's Detroit Campus (remains a faculty member in good standing), integrates interactive technologies into day-to-day operations and existing programming in a manner that exposes youth and adults to the Business, Management, Marketing, and Technology side of Sports and Sports Administration.

He currently pursuing a Ph.D. in IT (Performance Technology), earned a MS in Information Systems Management from Ferris State University, earned a MA Ed (specializing in Adult and Distance Education) from the University of Phoenix, and earned a B.B.A., from the University of Michigan, and is pursuing a Vocational Teachers Certification with a minor in Math.

## Little Eyes Upon You

*There are little eyes upon you and they're watching night and day.  
There are little ears that quickly take in every word you say.  
There are little hands all eager to do anything you do;  
and a little child who's dreaming of the day it'll be like you.  
You're the little child's idol, you're the wisest of the wise.  
In the child's little mind about you, no suspicions ever rise.  
The child believes in you devoutly, holds all that you say and do;  
the child will say and do, in your way, when it's grown up like you.  
There's a wide eyed little child who believes you're always right;  
and its eyes are always opened, and the child watched all day and night.  
You are setting an example every day in all you do,  
for the little child who's waiting  
to grow up to be like you*

~ Author Unknown