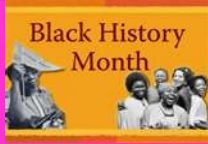




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WINGS of Excellence

Helping females become their best....



History & Love



During the month of February, keep this inspirational quote in your hearts and let love shine through:

Inspiration

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God ... Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us."



~ 1 John 4:7, 11-12 ~

Christy Terry-Garrett

Who Am I?



Have you ever found yourself asking, Who am I? If not, this question should entice every individual to consider their existence, where they derived, and what constitutes their purpose. During the month of February we traditionally reach back into time to reflect upon generations of people who have made incredible strides towards excellence. We can use their accomplishments and triumphs as illustrations of commitment, determination, ambition, scholastic achievement, and confidence.

Susan L. Taylor says that "Whatever we believe about ourselves and our ability comes true for us." To grasp this understanding would truly unveil the talents, intellect, and limitless capabilities of all women. Knowing who you are means recognizing your strengths and tackling opportunities that will allow you to incessantly evolve into what you are really meant to be. Be aware that in discovering who you are will include stumbling, falling faint and even questioning your purpose.

However, being unsure, growing weary and sometimes failing are the components of life that humble our spirits and create a balance that reminds us we don't have to be perfect. Yet, overcoming your fears and your challenges is what builds character and in essence will in part define who you are. *Ephesians 6:10-12* tells us to "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." Therefore, in knowing who you are, and who's you are, also know that you will never stand alone. In close, Ralph Ellison once said, "When I discover who I am, then I'll be free."

Ashley Scott

Natl. Executive Vice President/Founder

Natl. Executive VP of Membership Services

Happy New Year to all of you! I hope that your year has been positive and productive as you hope it would be. I wanted to take a minute to talk with you about positive self-image. Media and publications portray so many beautiful ladies as mere images *Only for the Ladies...* that only function for their beauty. I understand that most women have ambition, goals, and intelligence. However, some get lost in everyone else's image and forget who they are. Don't let trying to be perfect in someone else's image cause you to forget who you are. You can ALWAYS upgrade material items, but NEVER downgrade your morals, self respect, and positive self image. Remember I am you, you are me and we are representations of SSE.



Jamese Beazer

Natl. Executive VP of Finance

If you are reading this right now, KNOW and TRUST that you can obtain and have **exactly** what you want.

PUSH!



~**You can** obtain the life you so rightly deserve. Get your hands on "The Secret." Before I give you information that if not applied will not bring results, I want you to **keep pushing**. If you have created goals or objectives, place them on a vision board. Visualize yourself in the roles that you are trying to obtain. Think daily about the accomplishments that you are in the process of attaining. Know that if you **ask, you shall receive; if you believe**. And when all else fails, **Keep Pushing**.

Tawana Gibbs

Natl. Executive Director/Founder

Welcome Aboard SSU Colony Members 2010!

The SSU Colony of SSE, Inc. inducted its new members on Sunday, January 24, 2010. The newly structured colony has completely taken Spring 2010 by full force!



Stay tuned as you will find more information regarding upcoming Dress for Success initiatives and Women's History Month events. Congrats again SSU Colony!

Thought Provoking Question? Love & Success

Does a woman's success affect the health of her personal life (Marriages, Dating, etc.)? Can success deter the "finding" of love for single women ?

Phyllis Jackson

Natl. Executive VP of Administration



Angela Carthan

Natl. Executive VP/Co-Director