

PM READY NEWSLETTER



IN THIS ISSUE

MEET PM READY AMBASSADOR GERMAINE ESSEN

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PANEL REFLECTION

LEADERSHIP IN ART STUDENT COMPETITION

PM READY YOUTH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH

JOIN OUR CAUSE

Meet PM Ready Ambassador



**Germaine
Essen**

“Hello! My name is Germaine, and I am currently a high school student at the Western School of Technology and Environmental Science in Maryland.

I am deeply passionate about leadership and aspire to gain the necessary skills to become a catalyst for positive change in communities. My dream is to build upon my leadership abilities to help transform and uplift areas in need of strong guidance. I believe that effective leadership is key to addressing the challenges faced by societies today. Through my journey, I aim to empower and inspire others, particularly youth, to dream big and strive for excellence in leadership roles.”

PM Ready Ambassador Roles

PM Ready ambassadors play many important leadership roles, including but are not limited to:

- Report a story of a youth-led or youth-involved project.
- Publicize PM Ready's virtual events with their local networks.
- Identify speakers for PM Ready's virtual events.
- Interview an individual or organization and write a blog entry.
- Facilitate a virtual meeting.
- Help with newsletter/graphic design/social media management.

Why become a PM Ready ambassador?

- Get volunteer hours.
- Earn an ambassador certificate.
- Access unique leadership development opportunities.
- Stand out in college/internship applications.

[Be a PM Ready Ambassador Today!](#) (Open to anyone aged 12+)

Panel Reflection - Black History Month



Chuck Wallington, Ph.D.

Cone Health

Executive VP &

Chief Marketing & Communications Officer



Russell Sandidge

Varada Consulting

Director Cybersecurity;

Project Management Institute Washington DC Chapter
Former VP of Programs and Current Registration Manager

PM Ready celebrated Black History Month by hosting an inspiring virtual panel, "Project Leadership Insights from African American Executives" on February 27, featuring [Dr. Chuck Wallington](#) and [Russell Sandidge](#). These accomplished leaders candidly shared their journeys from student to executive leader, highlighting the importance of diversity in executive leadership across industries.

During the panel, Dr. Wallington emphasized the critical role of mentors, sponsors, role models, coaches, and allies in every leader's growth and success. Mr. Sandidge, a Distinguished Toastmaster, encouraged young individuals to master English and public speaking. PM Ready's ambassador, Germaine Essen, moderated the panel with great success.

This panel reminded us that Black people's history and contributions should be recognized and celebrated every day, not just during one month of the year. PM Ready looks forward to working with all of you to create a more inclusive and equitable society.

To learn more about African American executive leadership, check out Dr. Wallington's new book, "A Seat at the C-Suite Table: Insights from the Leadership Journeys of African American Executives." This book features stories from 30 African American male executives across 12 industries, providing confidence and power to all readers. [Book Link on Amazon](#)

[WATCH THE RECORDING](#)

Leadership in Art Student Competition

The 2024 competition is hosted in collaboration with Colin Powell Academy in Fort Washington, Maryland and opens to CPA Grades K to 8 students only.



2024 Theme: Inspiring Sustainable change

Submit by February 29, 2024



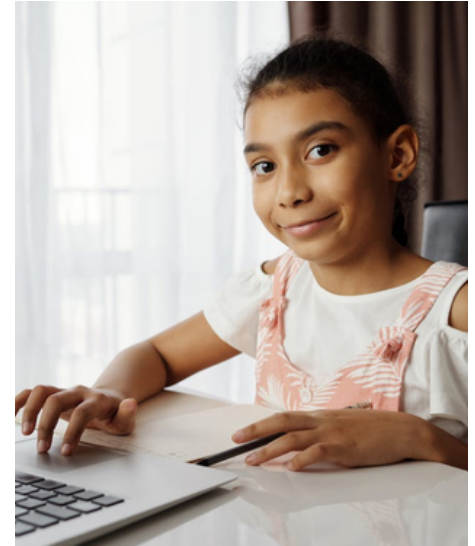
This competition aims to inspire artful leadership, harness the creative potential of students across diverse ages and cultural backgrounds, and promotes awareness of the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Students who submit artworks will earn achievement certificates and valuable vouchers to local businesses.

Winners' artwork will be displayed at the Harmony Hall Regional Art Center in Fort Washington, MD from April 4 and 14 and at Oxon Hill Library in Oxon Hill, MD from April 15 to 30.

[View More Info and Submit Online](#)

PM Ready Youth Mentorship Program



Program Overview

The Youth Project Mentorship Program is designed to help students (aged 12-17) develop project management, leadership, and entrepreneurship skills. It provides guidance for students to start or manage a community service project during any phase of the project cycle from ideation to completion.

PM Ready will match individual students with Project Management Institute (PMI)-certified project professionals or experienced project managers. Throughout the mentoring process, project professionals and managers help students establish goals and develop the skills to deliver a project result that brings meaning to students themselves and their communities.

[Visit our Youth Mentorship Program webpage to](#)

- [Read the Program Handbook](#)
- [Meet our Youth Mentors](#)
- [Brainstorm project ideas](#)
- [Apply to be a student mentee](#)
- [Apply to be a student mentor](#)

UPCOMING Virtual Events

eSpelman Panel “Women in Leadership” March 7, 2024 7-8 PM ET

Keynote Speaker

Angel N. Davis, Director of Enterprise Program Management Office at Presidio Federal



Interview “Poetry in Leadership” Celebrating the National Poetry Month

Interviewee

Dr. Fateme Banishoeib, Founder
@ReNewBusiness© | ArtfulMindset &
ArtfulEntrepreneurship | Business Adviser |
Learning Experiences Facilitator & Designer |
Poet | Speaker | Painter of New Narratives



Author of

- *The Poetry of Leadership: A Journey into the Leadership of Self*
- *Artful Entrepreneurship: The Maverick's Palette*
- *Expedition and Encounters: The Silver Lining Connecting the Golden Dots Left by the Elements*
- *The Whisper: Lyrical Conversation with the Multitudes*
- *FREEVOLUTION: A year-long celebration of Freedom, Love and r-Evolution*



PM Ready is for everyone, no matter who you are.

We would like to work with students, professionals, scholars, industry and community leaders, nonprofits, and local businesses, to build an inclusive learning community. We also welcome collaboration from PMI Chapters and PMI-certified professionals to promote youth and social impact initiatives.

Join our cause and help us grow!

Become an ambassador with us.

Recommend a book on project management.

Share your project story.

Deliver your book talk to a diverse, intergenerational audience.

Offer a virtual lecture or workshop to youth.

Publicize your youth-facing projects, programs, initiatives, or internships.

Let us help you train your volunteers on project management.

.....

[Join Our Cause](#)