

Mychal Wynn Biography

College is within reach of every family, hope is within reach of every student.



Mychal Wynn

Educator • Consultant • Author • Entrepreneur • Motivational Speaker

Published works include:

Show Me the Money

The Eagles who Thought They were Chickens

Ten Steps to Helping Your Child Succeed in School

Empowering African-American Males

Increasing Student Achievement

Follow Your Dreams

Don't Quit

Test of Faith

Born into rural poverty in Pike County, Alabama and given up for adoption before he was six months old, Mr. Wynn was raised in the segregated Black ghetto of Chicago's south side. A low-performing student throughout elementary and middle school, he beat the odds to survive the gangs and despair of poverty to graduate with honors from Boston's Northeastern University as his family's first college graduate.

Mr. Wynn left a highly-paying career as a systems design analyst to pursue his dream of writing—a dream that his high school guidance counselor assured him was impossible with his declaration, "There ain't no jobs for no Negro writers." Mr. Wynn, took his dream of writing, together with his passion for teaching, which began in college, tutoring physics, calculus, and statistics, to South Central Los Angeles, where he volunteered to teach language arts, public speaking, and poetry to African-American and Latino students in several South Central Los Angeles middle schools. With his passion for teaching, his understanding of children living in poverty, and his unique knowledge of "the hidden rules" of school success, Mr. Wynn inspired students to use language as one of the keys to opening the doors to higher education. Mr. Wynn has since taught students in elementary, middle, high school, and college; incarcerated youth in juvenile court schools, and adult learners at the U.S. Department of Labor.

Over the past three decades, Mr. Wynn, together with his wife, Nina, have built a successful publishing company and created a foundation that is expanding college access for thousands of students. As the author of 28 published books and a broad ranging college planning curriculum, Mr. Wynn has synthesized the latest student achievement research into research-responsive strategies reflected in his revolutionary College Planning Cohort Model. The partnership between his foundation, the Turner Chapel AME Church in Marietta, Georgia, and with the Florence County School District 3 in Lake City, South Carolina, has yield 5 Gates Millennium Scholars, 3 Posse Foundation Scholars, and assisted students in attaining millions of dollars in scholarships and admission into top colleges.

In recognition of their ground breaking work, Mr. Wynn and his wife have received such honors as the Key to the City of Lake City South Carolina, recognized as 'Transformational Leaders' by the AME Church, and Mr. Wynn was recently named, 'Citizen of the Year' by the Chi Gamma Gamma Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Mr. Wynn acknowledges that his greatest rewards are his wife of 28 years, his older son, a graduate of Amherst College, and his younger son, a 2012 Gates Millennium Scholar, who is currently attending Morehouse College. Mr. Wynn is a living testimony to his belief, "Where you come from does not determine where you are going, only where you begin."