

A LONG TALK

ABOUT THE UNCOMFORTABLE TRUTH

The Frontline

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Education "It Takes a Village..."

The history of education and the Black community has several layers. In the beginning there was an intentional effort to prevent Black people from having access to learning. There was a time when a Black person would be killed for merely wanting to learn how to read. Over time the lack of access to education has transformed into providing lesser facilities, materials, and resources to Black children. The scars of these actions are still visible in many ways today. Progress has been made, but it's important to make sure all Americans are informed about the blood, sweat, tears, and sacrifice necessary to make sure every child has access to a first class education.



A Letter to My Teacher

You are not me,
 love me, like me, teach me, see me, inspire me
 Know that I am great, spawned from greatness
 Drenched in the struggle
 Armed with power and insight
 I am me

Being me,
 I see your fear, yet do not understand
 I see your gift, yet you do not plan
 I see your intention, yet you do not fight
 You must act and respond
 You must initiate what is right

Use your voice
 Use your gift
 Be that flashlight in the dark
 Be that gorilla in the mist
 Stand apart
 Stand upfront

The power of your tongue and tone can take me back
 Back to when 1/5th was the norm

Back to when our lives did not matter

Back to...now

I know better
You must do better
Give me the ladder
Give me the tools
Share the rules
Fight
Fight for me

You are not me
Love me, teach me, inspire me
Otherwise
If you are not with me, you are against me
Eradicate yourself
And leave me the fuck alone!

Tracee Frazier
~A Long Talk



A Long Talk will be visited the BYU campus during homecoming week (10/7/21 - 10/11/21) and partnered with the athletic department to continue our mission to put an anti-racist at every dinner table in America.

Click the image to learn more.

Dr. Christopher Emdin, Associate Professor in the Department of Mathematics, Science and Technology at Columbia University



This Harvard educated author, professor, and visionary is a leader in urban education. He is the author of the award winning book, [Urban Science Education for the Hip Hop Generation](#) and the New York Times bestseller [For White Folks Who Teach in the Hood and the Rest of Y'all Too](#). Click [HERE](#) to visit his website to learn more about Dr. Emdin.

Click the image to see his TED Talk on creating magic in the classroom.

An Education Revolution



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Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's)



HBCU's have maintained their relevance in the Black community over the past 150+ years,

Click the image to see a preview of the PBS HBCU documentary.

Could Charter Schools be the future of urban education?



Charter schools have changed the landscape of public education. Regardless of your perspective on public and private schools, the charter school movement has made an imprint on how we educate our kids, especially in poor communities who historically have lower standardized test scores.

Click the image to view this video on the impact of charter schools.

Community Call to Action

We need our "A Long Talk" community volunteers to help with grant writing, funding procurement, and small project management. The time requirement will be no more than 2 - 4 hours per week.

If you are willing to use your talents and skills to assist in this area, please email kyle@alongtalk.com and we will follow up with you to see how we can work together.



Culture Corner



Dr. Steve Perry

Dr. Perry is an educator, best selling author, and founder and Head of Schools of Capital Preparatory Schools in Harlem, NY, The Bronx, NY, and Bridgeport, CT.

Click the image to learn more.



Myrtila Miner

This abolitionist and educator was a leader in teacher training for free African American women. She opened the Normal School for Colored Girls which is now The University of the District of Columbia.

Click the image to learn her story.



Patrick Francis Healy

Reverend Healy was the first Black president at a Predominantly White Institution, Georgetown University in Washington DC. He was born enslaved and "passed" his way to lead GU in 1874.

Click the image to learn his incredible story.

State of the Union

Current Events **History Matters**



There is a movement to use "movement" to engage our kids. Why dancing should be incorporated in the classroom.

Click the image to learn more.



Hip-Hop, the most impactful genre of music of the 21st century, is being utilized by educators to revolutionize teaching.

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Mary Mcleod Bethune was one of the most important educators of the 20th century.

Click the image to learn more.



W.E.B. Du Bois was the most profound Black intellectual of the 20th century. This Harvard graduate connected civil rights with academic scholarship.

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