

~MACE: Making a Difference~

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WINTER 2012 DRIVE IN WORKSHOP

Canton, MS

Friday, January 27th
9:00 am - 2:00pm

Guest Speakers include:

Canton's Mayor William Truly,
Patrick A. Taylor, Ph.D. Associate
Professor of Economics, Millsaps
College, and Speaker: Johnny
Franklin, Education Advisor to Gov.
Haley Barbour

Registration is \$40. Please visit
www.maceweb.org to download
registration form.

2012 MACE Summer Conference - Tunica, MS

MACE board members met in November to discuss venues for the upcoming 2012 MACE Summer Conference. After analyzing cost of venues, the board agreed to host the conference in Tunica Mississippi at The Harrah's Convention Center.

Dr. Jonathan Harrington, MACE Vice President suggested a new opportunity to give back to the board members at the November meeting. Dr. Harrington suggested we consider giving to a charity to help support education in the Delta. "In the past, we have given members of MACE a gift item which is usually valued around \$10-15. This year, instead of ordering a conference gift, we'd like to donate that money to purchase book bags and school supplies to help our less fortunate children here in the state of Mississippi," said Dr. Harrington. The board members agreed that giving back to Mississippi and supporting education was a great idea.

The charity we have chosen is Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y.O.U.) Program. The Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y.O.U.) Program has enjoyed tremendous success since its establishment in 1992. The initiative grew out of the awareness that economically disadvantaged parenting teens and school dropouts lacked the basic environmental support and services essential for proper growth, development, and functioning in society. The Y.O.U. Program works closely with the participating School Districts in each county (Coahoma, Quitman, North Panola and West Tallahatchie) in the identification and selection of youth at risk from ages 6-21, and provides these selected youth and their parents an array of services that will address some of the negative factors in their lives.

The core of the program is its GED prep, ACT/SAT prep, and remediation and tutorial services for "at-risk" students. Complimentary programs include abstinence education, community counseling, school-based clinic, mentoring, childcare center and a recreational and cultural enrichment program. The Y.O.U. Program was initially funded under a 3.5 million dollar grant from the Department of Labor.

MACE would like to donate to The Y.O.U Program to help further their mission, *To provide positive life options to underprivileged youth and their families through a diverse array of services that will empower participants to become self-sufficient, productive citizens.*

If you would like to learn more about The Y.O.U Program, please visit <http://msdeltayou.org/>.

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MACE is comprised of career service professionals from two and four year colleges and universities and employers who are involved in the recruitment of students for cooperative education and full-time career opportunities.

Through the association's professional network, MACE members help bridge education and the work world.

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