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Espousing the teachings of Booker T. Washington on education, leadership, excellence, personal responsibility, and character building, BTWEN seeks to help disadvantaged youth and their families rise above difficult circumstances, empowering them to discover their extraordinary legacy, and return to their communities to create positive change as leaders, mentors, and role models.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON was the most influential African-American leader of his time. Born a slave, he rose to become a famous educator, and the founder of the historic Tuskegee University. A man of hope, he was the best-selling author of his autobiography, *Up From Slavery*, which was so inspiring that it was translated into over 17 languages, and has never been out of print. He was advisor to presidents McKinley, Roosevelt, and Taft. And he was the first African-American invited to dine at the White House, and to be commemorated on a U.S. fifty-cent coin, and a U.S. postage stamp.

SARAH WASHINGTON O'NEAL RUSH, MA is the founder of BTWEN, and the great-granddaughter of Booker T. Washington. Her personal experience of first learning about her lineage, and then changing her life, led her to found BTWEN — created to help disadvantaged youth and their families discover their own extraordinary legacies. Her family legacy of famous public servants also includes her first cousin, U.S. Congresswoman, Diane E. Watson, and her great aunt and namesake, Sarah Meriwether Nutter, one of the founders of Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) sorority.



From left to right: Booker T. Washington, Sarah Meriwether Nutter, Congresswoman Diane E. Watson.

PROGRAMS

PROJECT LEGACY

Through speaking, writing, discussions, and book readings, Project Legacy empowers children, teens, young adults, and adults to rise above difficulties, embrace their life story, increase self-worth, and build healthy relationships. It expounds upon the rich history of Booker T. Washington, and his teachings on education, leadership, excellence, personal responsibility, and character building.

Presentations are delivered by the great granddaughter of Booker T. Washington—and founder of BTWEN, Sarah Washington O'Neal Rush.

As a descendant of Booker T. Washington, an author, a mental health professional with a master's degree in psychology, and one who has risen above many challenges, Ms. Rush is a well sought out speaker.

Project Legacy is available to speak to various organizations, including schools, classrooms, churches, foster care agencies, welfare-to-work programs, teen athletic programs, pregnant teen and parenting programs, and recovery programs.

PROJECT 16

Often, after Ms. Rush has completed a talk she has found that inspired attendees ask where they can receive additional services to help them move forward.

Through an application process, Project 16 will provide selected candidates from Project Legacy with additional one-on-one follow-up services, including life coaching, mentoring, case management, referral and outreach services.

For information on the future BTW Dream Center, or to see if an organization qualifies for services call 510-278-1634, or visit www.btwendreamcenter.com.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING . . .

"Sarah Rush is a powerful speaker . . . Her message is life changing."

Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr., Board of Governors – California Community Colleges and Sr. Pastor, Allen Temple Baptist Church, Oakland, CA

"Sarah Rush, a living legend, delivered a thought-provoking, inspiring, and timely message that was well-received by the students."

Dr. James Cato, Instructor, College of Alameda

"Ms. Rush's message to all in attendance was inspiring, encouraging, and informative. Her warmth and genuine presence to her audience was enjoyed by everyone . . ."

Dr. Lenora Poe, Psychologist

"Ms. Rush is so amazing and inspiring. People of all ages will glean something from her message . . . It is so relevant for today."

Ms. Gilford-Beard, Student Center Coordinator, Cal Poly Pomona University

"I was so inspired hearing Sarah Rush at Patten University. Her speech made me hold my head up a little higher."

Angela Fears, Alumnus, Patten University

"We really enjoyed Ms. Rush. Young people need to be reminded of the great work that has been done by extraordinary people . . ."

Ms. Amy Furtado, Principal, San Leandro High School