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EHHS OFFICE OF DIVERSITY OUTREACH AND DEVELOPMENT
You’re always welcome.

We’re now on our fourth newsletter, and we hope that they have been adding some sort of value to your lives. Although we rarely interact on a personal level, you should know the EHHS Office of Diversity Outreach and Development have your backs. If you need anything, whether it be academic suggestions or just a good conversation about your plans for the future, feel free to stop in to the office. To set up an appointment, with N.J. Akbar or Felicia at ehhsdiversity@kent.edu.

Good Luck on Finals!!!

The Classics

LAURYN HILL // THE MISEDUCATION OF LAURYN HILL

LAURYN HILL

Upon its release, The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill received rave reviews from music critics who frequently complimented it for Hill’s honest presentation of a female’s view on life and love. The album debuted at number one on the Billboard 200 chart, selling 422,624 copies in its first week and eventually being certified eight-times-platinum in the U.S. The album’s success propelled Hill to superstardom and helped bring hip hop and neo soul to the forefront of popular music. Lauryn Hill was embraced by many for her candid use of Biblical reference and open expression of respect for God, which in mainstream culture is rare.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

He who would do great things should not attempt them all alone.

Seneca

Native American Proverb

Use the hashtag #foodforthought and send us quotes @EHHS_DIV that inspire or motivate you. We’ll feature them in upcoming newsletters with your Twitter account attached.

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Growing up without a father, Walker tells Business Insider that he never learned how to shave the right way. When he would go to the pharmacy to search for the right products, Walker says he always found himself trekking to aisle 14, reaching down to the bottom shelf, and wiping the dust off of some bizarre packaging with some 45-year-old black bald guy. For most of his life, Walker struggled with razor bumps, acne, and irritated skin. Back in January, during his term as an Entrepreneur in Residence at Andreessen Horowitz, he finally got fed up. “I used my magic cream shave just one too many times,” Walker says. “My wife got frustrated. I was also an electric clipper user. Even though it didn’t cut hair close enough, it irritated my skin, so I had to figure out a way.” This led to Walker & Company which will tackle the health and beauty space for African-Americans. Its first product, Bevel, is a high-end shaving kit for black men that promises to deliver the premium, barber shop feel without the razor bumps. “All of my current investors got it right away,” Walker says. “It’s not only my having the problem. A lot of folks who look like me have the problem. It’s something endemic to black culture which is unfortunate.


Akon, the American-born Senegalese rapper who spent some of his childhood living in Africa, remembers growing up and seeing people who didn’t have access to electricity. Decades later, to his frustration, that situation isn’t much changed, and so he’s becoming a clean energy entrepreneur as a little side project with ambitious aims. “My passion has always been to try to be a part of building infrastructure in Africa. We ran into a challenge every time in areas where infrastructure was planned on being built, but there was no electricity grid set up in those areas. So that became one of the biggest problems on why the development of Africa has been so slow,” says Akon. “There’s still kerosene lamps and candles being lit today.” His self-titled project, “Akon Lighting Africa,” isn’t so much a celebrity whim as a major endeavor that hopes to electrify 1 million homes by the end of 2014 with solar energy, which is cheaper and more portable for rural villages. The Grammy-nominated star is putting some of his own money behind the project and the remainder will be financed via a public-private partnership with governments, banks, NGOs, and Akon’s own Akon Corp.

Read the entire article here: http://www.fastcoexist.com/3028021/akon-seeks-to-put-africa-on-the-grid-one-solar-panel-at-a-time
Muhammad Ali gives an amazing response (watch!!)

A young man in the audience poses a question about retirement to Muhammad Ali. What he gets is surely not the expected response, as Ali delves into a complex breakdown of just exactly how he plans to spend his time, he shines a light on just how short life truly is. For those who don't know, Ali was much more than a boxer, and I recommend you spend some time researching some of his other interviews.

Bryan Stevenson:
“We need to talk about an injustice”

In an engaging and personal talk, human rights lawyer Bryan Stevenson shares some hard truths about America's justice system, starting with a massive imbalance along racial lines: a third of the country's black male population has been incarcerated at some point in their lives. These issues, which are wrapped up in America's unexamined history, are rarely talked about with this level of candor, insight and persuasiveness.
Interested in Graduate School?

The Office of Diversity Outreach & Development supports students with their application process. Feel free to contact our office at ehhsdiversity@kent.edu or 330-672-2537 to find out more about this service.

Finals Schedule

You can view the schedule for Finals week here: http://www.kent.edu/registrar/calendars/upload/2014springfinalexam.pdf

MEET OUR STUDENT HIGHLIGHT,
Kaylene Abernathy

WHY DID YOU COME TO KENT STATE?
-I came to Kent to get out of state, but not be too far away from home (Detroit), and they also had a good girls track team, plus it felt like the perfect fit for me.

HOW DO YOU INTEND ON USING YOUR DEGREE FROM KENT?
-I want to use my degree to become a school counselor. I want to be a school counselor because that way I am able to get close to students and help them get through any struggles they may be dealing with, and help them help themselves. Through guidance, and giving advice I can help them become stronger individuals.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BEING A STUDENT HERE?
-I like being a student here because of the HDFS major teaches me more than just stuff I have to spit out on a test. I learn things that I can use in my everyday life and also use in my future career. It makes learning fun and interesting. That is why i enjoy being a student here, because I am learning and I enjoy doing it.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!