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## **THE OMEGA BOYS CLUB®**

The core mission of the Omega Boys Club is to keep people alive and free and to provide youth with opportunity and support to build positive lives for themselves and to move into contributing roles in society.

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*“The more you know, the more you owe”*

## **OMEGA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY A DIVISION OF THE OMEGA BOYS CLUB**

The Omega Leadership Academy is a program of the Omega Boys Club, an organization founded in 1987 by two public school educators who wanted to rescue at-risk kids from the powerful influences of the street. Their mission was anything but reasonable; to get kids off the street and all the

way through college. Not just into college but to successfully graduate and build a successful life of their own choosing.

As part of the Omega Boys Club, the Leadership Academy provides the training and family structure that enables students to build positive lives and to take on contributing roles in society. The Academy

offers a comprehensive educational program of math, literacy and life skills classes. The curriculum is designed to develop critical thinking, appropriate decision making, personal integrity and social responsibility.



Upon successful completion of the Academy program, our students become eligible for college scholarships. Our support continues throughout the college years and through graduation in the form of life coaching as well as financial aid.

A small sample of the Academy's success can be seen on the following pages. The results have been nothing short of remarkable.





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## OMEGA SUCCESS STORY

Andre Aikins, the self-appointed “poster boy” for the Omega Boys Club, was so immersed in gang activity that he would have likely ended up dead or in prison. As a kid, he sold drugs and became a hardcore street thug. One day he had a chance meeting with Dr. Marshall, decided to check out Omega and ultimately decided to change his course. With the help of the Omega Boys Club and Leadership Academy, Andre learned the value of hard work and education and more importantly, he gained self-worth. In 1997, Andre received a BS in Mathematics from Grambling State University and today he’s married, a father of one, and teaches math at an Oakland middle school.



**ANDRE AIKINS**

## OMEGA SUCCESS STORY



### **AYANA AND ASANTE MATTHEWS**

Ayana and Asante Matthews grew up in San Francisco's Bayview/Hunter's Point. Their father left them as toddlers, and Ayana and Asante were raised by a single mother who held two jobs just to make ends meet. Mrs. Matthews always taught her kids the value of hard work and the power of education, but when it came to college, there was precious little money to help. In an effort to stay out of trouble, the Matthews girls found the Omega Boys Club where they learned the importance of leadership, of civic responsibility and built upon the positive values they first learned at home. With help from the Leadership Academy, today both women are graduates of Clark Atlanta University and are working in careers in finance.

## **OMEGA COUNTDOWN TO 100**

2005 marks a banner year for The Omega Boys Club. This spring, Omega Leadership Academy will celebrate our 100th college graduate.

The celebration will be held on October 20th. Family and friends will gather to honor the 100 young people who changed their lives and the lives of those around them by choosing to become leaders instead of followers.

## **SUPPORT THE OMEGA BOYS CLUB**

The Omega Boys Club invites you to help keep young people alive, unharmed by violence, and free from incarceration. The Omega Leadership Academy, a division of the Omega Boys Club, prepares over 350 at-risk young people each year to succeed in high school, develop critical thinking and math skills, and live meaningful lives. Furthermore, the Academy provides scholarship funds to those seniors who move on to college. The results are inspiring and by the end of 2004, there were 90 Omega college graduates, reaching 100 college graduates in 2005.

Young African Americans between the ages of 15 and 24 are at a higher risk of being murdered than any other group. A disproportionate number are in foster care and the juvenile justice system, and many have been victims of child abuse or neglect. These young people are the heart of Omega's work.

The Omega Leadership Academy combines rigorous academics with violence prevention programming to ensure that young people develop the internal moral leadership they need to succeed in high school, college and life. Early on Omega learned that for many at-risk youth, opportunity and good intentions were not enough – each young person needs to be able to identify the behaviors that place them at risk for violence and to adopt new thinking and behaviors that reduce those risks. This, combined with strong critical thinking, writing composition and math skills, is what saves and transforms lives, enabling students to take advantage of educational opportunities and become community leaders.

By supporting the Omega Boys Club and its programs you will be publicly associated with the good work done in communities across the country and the world. Most importantly, you will become a partner in helping youth transform their thinking and develop new behaviors that help them live free from violence and incarceration.