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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The past few months have been busy, yet exciting for BH365. One of our biggest highlights was BH365's 1st annual conference "A Vaccine For The Education Gap in America." The conference was a success and our Professional Development team is already planning for 2024. We share highlights and reflections on pages 7-10.

Breaking News!!!!

- In October, our 1st and 2nd-grade Black History books will be available. Check out page 4 for more details.
- We are in the final phases of completing our innovative Latin History textbook! You can download a preview of Ch. 1 on page 4.

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT: CONTINUED...

- We have recently added to the team. On pages 5-6 we introduce our new Executive Director of the BH365 Foundation, Mia Street, and share all the exciting things to come.

For more highlights, offerings and information, please visit us often at [www.bh365.org](http://www.bh365.org)! Enjoy this addition of our newsletter and share with a friend! #sharingiscaring



## FROM THE DESK: CEO'S MESSAGE

First and foremost, I am honored to be surrounded by talented and competent members that make up our team. We are truly a family in every sense of the word. In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, "It really boils down to this: that all life is interrelated. We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied into a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. We are made to live together because of the interrelated structure of reality." This quote speaks to the epitome of what we exemplify and represent as BH365 team/family.

I am thrilled to share some remarkable milestones and achievements that reflect BH365's enduring commitment to education and social impact. In June, we were honored to receive the Community Impact Award in Education from 100 Black Men of America during their conference in Las Vegas. Attended by several hundred people, the conference provided a stellar platform for national recognition. The organization has also decided to adopt BH365 as the core text for their chapters across America and beyond, an endorsement we are deeply grateful for.



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# FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO CONTINUED...



Moving on to our product updates, I'm pleased to announce that our First and Second Grade books are currently in print. These educational resources are expected to reach our warehouse by the middle to end of this month. A special shout-out to all team members who have contributed to the creation of these valuable tools.

We were also an active participant in the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) conference held in Jacksonville, Florida. The conference theme, "Black Resistance," resonated strongly with us. I would like to extend my thanks to Dr. Dulaney and the entire ASALH team for their warm reception of BH365; we are proud to note that ASALH has also voted to use our textbooks and materials in all their Freedom Schools nationwide.

In terms of new offerings, our Latino History textbook is complete and in the editing stage, with printing scheduled for no later than January. This will allow for spring implementation into school districts, who are eagerly awaiting this addition to our catalog. In this innovative textbook series, we delve deep into the rich tapestry of Latino cultures, identities, and contributions. From the Aztec

and Incan empires to modern-day leaders, this comprehensive resource reveals the historical origins of key Latin American countries like Mexico, Colombia, and Brazil, as well as the broader Hispanic world, including Puerto Rico, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic. Also, we will be releasing a Caribbean history textbook as well. Our goal is to connect the dots and close the diaspora gaps that have been established through, colonization, nationalism, divide and conquer, victimization and genocide. Our work is our love letters to the world.

Lastly, I would like to highlight the BH365 Foundation, which is now led by our Executive Director, Mia Street. With her wealth of experience, she will be instrumental in steering our philanthropic endeavors.

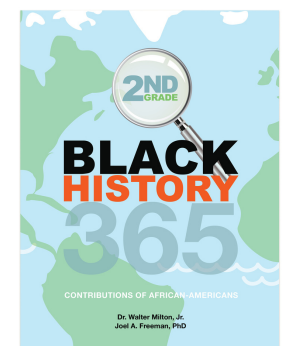
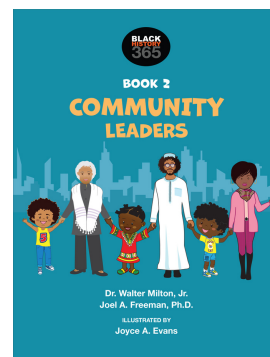
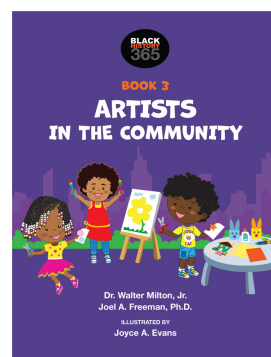
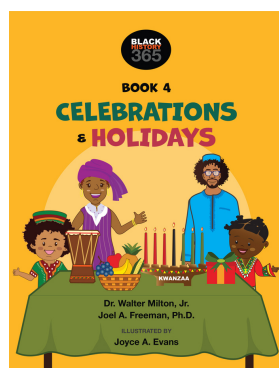
Together, these developments mark significant steps in our ongoing journey to make a lasting impact on education and society.

**DR. WALTER MILTON JR.**



## What's Next?

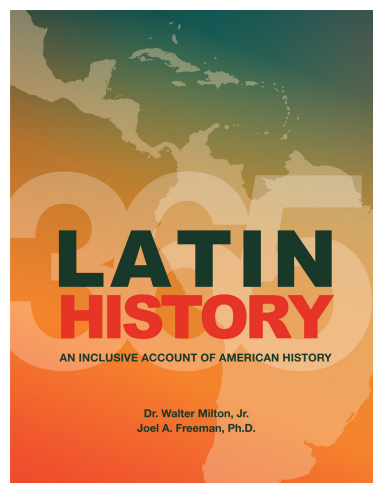
October: 1st & 2nd grade books available



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November: Latin History Book Launch



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# SPOTLIGHT: MEET MIA STREET

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BH365 FOUNDATION

We are excited to introduce our newly appointed Executive Director of the Black History 365 Education Foundation Inc. The BH365 Education Foundation is a non-profit organization that raises funds to provide educational resources and services for under-served communities. The Foundation supports Black History 365 Education's mission, in creating cutting edge resources that invite individuals, in under-served communities, to become critical thinkers, compassionate listeners, fact-based, respectful communicators, and action-oriented solutionists.

An award winning educator, Mia Street comes from a bloodline of educational activists and trailblazers. Her roots are embedded in the parishes of Louisiana that created the Deacons For Defense, the first Black students to force integration at La Tech University and a family that has dedicated their lives to the promise and potential of education.

She grew up listening to stories about her grandfather, Moses Lee Osborne, who led the efforts to teach black folks in Jackson Parish Louisiana how to read in order to prepare them to register and vote. It is no surprise that Mia's work, inside and outside of the classroom, is rooted in this dedication to education as a tool for Liberation.

Her journey in education led her to teaching and developing culturally responsive curriculum for special needs children for nearly 20 years. Previously, Mia worked with Georgia State University and the The King Center to assist in student led events for the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington. She is the founder of Kidada Education Design LLC and Bridging The Gap Mentoring Program, a 501c3 non-profit organization.

She specializes in leveraging partnerships with educational agencies and industry professionals to create and develop unique educational initiatives that serve marginalized student populations.

She currently holds the following roles:

- BH365 Foundation, Executive Director
- Kidada Education Design, Founder
- Dallas CORE Chief Growth Officer
- NAACP Texas State Education Committee Member
- BTGMP, Inc Executive Director and Founder

Mia Street is a proud member of NAACP and sits on the NAACP Texas Education Committee as well as the former Education Chair for Dallas NAACP. She is a member ACLU Texas, American Speech and Hearing Association, National Alliance of Black School Educators, Urban League of Greater Dallas Young Professionals and The Golden Circle.



# SPOTLIGHT: THE BH365 FOUNDATION

INTERVIEW WITH MIA STREET

## *What are you most excited about in your new roles as Executive Director of the Foundation?*

I am absolutely thrilled about my new role as Executive Director of the BH365 Education Foundation! There are so many things that I am excited about, but what I am most honored by is the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the lives of students in our community. I truly delight in being a part of an organization whose purpose is to provide inclusive educational resources to underserved communities. I am eager to collaborate with our dedicated team, passionate educators, and generous donors to provide innovative educational resources that will empower students to reach their full potential.

## *What is your vision for the first year?*

I anticipate a long year ahead, simply because we are doing some groundbreaking work that will pave the way for the next five years. In doing so, we have created a couple of new initiatives, one being the "Adopt a School" program. The Adopt a School Program is one of our groundbreaking initiatives that seeks to bridge the economic gaps in our education system by providing schools with the necessary resources to integrate ethnic studies into their curriculum. My work simply becomes connecting corporate and community sponsors with a school in need to "adopt" and helping to develop strategic and reciprocal partnerships.

## *What do you have coming up over the next few months and how can people/businesses partner with you?*

As the Executive Director of BH365 Education Foundation, I am thrilled to share with you our exciting plans for the upcoming months! In October, we have Village Talk Tuesdays, a series of engaging discussions aimed at fostering community connections. We invite everyone to join us and share their unique perspectives. In November, we have Fit To Lead, an empowering event that will engage a diverse group of boss women in education who are passionate about education, health and wellness. We encourage people and businesses to partner with us by attending these events, sharing their expertise, and spreading the word.

Overall, I am incredibly excited about working with this amazing organization and expanding our reach nationally.



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TOWARD OUR PROGRAMS.**

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## BH365 2023 CONFERENCE RECAP

### A "VACCINE" FOR THE EDUCATION GAP IN AMERICA

The first annual BH365 A "Vaccine" for the Education Gap in America Conference was a success! We were honored to have Superintendents, school board members, teachers, and community members from across the country in attendance during the July 27-28, 2023, event.

The BH365 team describes the group as thoughtful, learner-centered, and committed to making a difference in their school communities. The collaborative culture that they created resulted in an environment where discourse was positive and solution oriented.

Next year, during the 2024 BH365 A "Vaccine" for the Education Gap in America Conference, several participants will make their BH365 instructional and leadership practices public by presenting Lessons from the Field sessions.

## 2024 CONFERENCE DETAILS

**JULY 25 - JULY 26TH**  
**8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**400 West Las Colinas Boulevard, Irving, TX**

Join us for the second annual BH365 A "Vaccine" for the Education Gap in America Conference.

Two learning tracks will be offered to provide a differentiated conference experience. For 1st year participants, we will have a foundational learning experience to ensure they are grounded in BH365 instructional practices. Year 2 participants will have an advanced learning experience built on Year 1.

Early-bird Registration ends February 16, 2024 - \$575 per person. After February 16th, registration is \$650 per person.

Group Registration (3 or more) - \$500 per person.

For more details, visit the [Conference Registration Page](#).



## A "VACCINE" FOR THE EDUCATION GAP IN AMERICA

**BH365 CONFERENCE**

*SAVE THE DATE*

**JULY 25-26, 2024**

**THE WESTIN IRVING CONVENTION CENTER**

at Las Colinas, 400 West Las Colinas Boulevard, Irving, TX

Join the BH365 team for in depth discussions and training on research-based strategies to support Black History instruction. The BH365 team will engage participants with instructional resources and practices that address the education gap in America by providing students voice and choice while they engage with text that reflects their images. Whether you're new to BH365 or experienced, you will gain knowledge and skills to support implementation.





# 2023 BH365 LEADERSHIP AND IMPACT AWARDS

At BH365, we recognize that ensuring students have access to resources that provide an inclusive account of American history requires leadership. Our inaugural Leadership and Impact Awards ceremony was launched to honor extraordinary stewardship. This year's recipients embody the spirit of excellence and commitment to the students entrusted to their care.



## Equity and Access Ambassador of the Year

Janice Ross, Superintendent-Brooklyn North High Schools



## Champion for Change of the Year

Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat, Superintendent, Peoria Public Schools



## Innovation Trailblazer of the Year

Dr. Ramont Roberts, Superintendent, Saginaw Public Schools



## Strategic Leader of the Year

Dr. Eric Cunningham, Superintendent, Halifax County Schools



## Fearless Advocate of the Year

Martha Ross, Board Member, Peoria Public Schools



## Data Analyst of the Year

Dr. Tyranna Battle, Assistant Superintendent, Halifax County Schools.





# BH365 CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Conference attendees engaged in sessions that were designed for K-12 teachers, superintendents, school board members, administrators, and instructional coaches. Here's a recap of what participants had to say about the sessions.

**Make "Shift Happen" presented by Dr. Walter Milton, Jr., BH365 Founder and CEO**

*"Liked the opportunity to interact with others and collaborate."*

*"The session was introspective."*

**The Community Engagement Activity presented by Earl Jones, BH365 National Trainer**

*I have so many thoughts on how to actively engage students on this topic. I also have tools to support teachers in their classrooms with engaging students."*

**The Elephant Experience presented by Brian DeVeaux, BH365 National Trainer**

*"It was great to be a part of an Elephant experience. Now I feel empowered to use this strategy in my own classroom."*

**BH365 the Album: The Secret Ingredient presented by Carleen Brown, BH365 National Trainer**

*"Powerful and very relevant with great content that can immediately transform classrooms."*

**Hip Hop and Black History: The BH365 Album**

*"I love this session. This is a great way to connect with my 8th graders who many of this Hop Hop is their anthem and speaks directly to them."*

**Give One, Get One, Move On, and More! 3-8 Comprehension Activities presented by Dr. Timothy Johnson, BH365 National Trainer**

*"Thankful for the detailed description of useful teaching strategies."*

**Value Lines and Color-coded Votes: 3-8 Pre-Reading Activities presented by Gloria J. Davis, BH365 National Trainer**

*"Excellent ideas for pre reading that I will implement in my classroom. Great discussion. Engaged the entire time. Excellent instruction."*



CONFERENCE  
MEMORIES

