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Las Vegas Omega Gents Tour Arizona Colleges

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The Omega Gents of Las Vegas ventured into the Grand Canyon state recently to visit Arizona's institutions of higher education, Grand Canyon University, Mesa Community College and Arizona State University. Members of the Uplift Foundation of Nevada, a non-profit organization founded in 2003, made it



MCC Director of Recruitment and Retention Greg Reents (kneeling) and members of the Omega Gents on the campus at Mesa Community College.

possible for a dozen plus young men to "rode trip" to Arizona.

The young men had the opportunity to visit and engage other African American youth and college staff in terms of opportunities and educational paths offered at each institution. Omega Youth Leadership founder Larry Ross and local advisors collaborated with the Nevada group to ensure a full slate of activities. OYL is a youth initiative of the Phi Iota, which is a Phoenix graduate chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Omega Gents Director Maurice Page and advisors Khary Black, Darron Hodge and Miquel Sanchez accompanied the young men on their visits

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During the groups visit to Mesa CC, the director of Recruitment and Retention Greg Reents, ASMCC President Aaron Mixon, and members of the campus NAACP College Division Chapter, greeted and gave tours to the Nevada group, and answered questions regarding campus resources and classes.

"This is a dynamic group of young men and we would be honored and welcome each of them to our campus," shared Reents, whose excitement and enthusiasm made the young men's visit all the more enjoyable.

Grand Canyon University Academic Advisor Marquis Scott engaged the inquisitive group on the opportunities afforded them with a GCU experience. GCU with it's expanded campus and religious roots provided an interesting visit for the visiting group.

"Arizona and Nevada are very similar in climate and the states are only several hours apart – and Arizona is not California or LA. Nothing against LA or California, but the cost of living in California is much higher than Arizona and the 10/17 freeways or much easier to navigate than the 405," offered Hodge.

In spite of the rising cost of college, it still pays to acquire a college education versus not attending college. The key is to find the college and program that works best for you. Like the Omega Gents, travel a bit and check the school out

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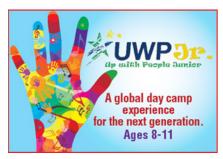
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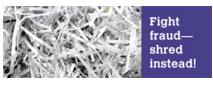
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