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YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARDS



Guest Speaker:
Craig Witherspoon, Ed.D.
 Superintendent
 Birmingham City Schools

Dr. Craig Witherspoon became superintendent of the Birmingham City Schools in March 2010. His first priority will be to restore the public's trust in the broken school system by working to fix the district's finances, working on superintendent and board relations to make it a more unified group, and meeting with the community, city and business leaders regularly to keep them informed about what's going on in the school system.

Dr. Witherspoon, 43, was the superintendent for 7,500-student Edgecombe County Public Schools in rural Tarboro, N.C., for four years, but has worked in much larger, more urban systems in Virginia Beach, Va., and Charlotte. He also has been an assistant superintendent for the Guilford County school system in Greensboro, N.C., with a student population of 71,000.

While in Edgecombe, Dr. Witherspoon worked to reduce the out-of-school suspension rate, decrease the dropout rate and increase student performance. These accomplishments occurred at the same time as improvements were made in district operations and financial standing. Dr. Witherspoon is an energetic leader who advocates for all children. He is a dedicated educator who recognizes the power of a quality public education. As a firm believer of high expectations and support, he knows that public schools can and must provide a solid foundation to prepare students for the demands and challenges of the 21st century world. Most recently, he was recognized by eSchool News as a 2010 Top Ten Tech Savvy Superintendent. He also served on the board of directors of the North Carolina Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Dr. Witherspoon earned his bachelor's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University, Master's from Old Dominion University and education specialist and doctorate degrees from The George Washington University. Previous work experiences include Guilford County Schools and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, NC, and Virginia Beach Public Schools, VA.

He is married to Monique Gardner-Witherspoon and has one son, Cameron.



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Drummond Company Inc.
- May 4 Author, Hampton Sides
"Hellbound on his Trail"
- May 11 Lt. General Richard Y. Newton, III
Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower
and Personnel, Headquarters US Air
Force, Washington, DC



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 20 - 11:15 A.M. ROOM A, THIRD FLOOR.**

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