

Let's hear it for the seniors..."Seniors" who graduate

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Patricia Anita Young, born and raised in South Minneapolis, celebrated her 59th birthday on September 8, 2010. On May 18, 2010 she received her Associate of Applied Science degree in Accounting from Minneapolis Community and Technical College. Young is also a poet. She is a life-long learner who believes it is never too late to learn in order to give back to our children.

To Dream the Afro American Dream

By Patricia Anita Young

*It's time to move up, the time is now to move on,
The time is now, to be all that I am.
It's time to plant trees and build lofty towers,
I choose to refuse to fantasize, instead to dream with my eyes open wide.
It's time to let go of sorrows, and prepare our children for bright tomorrows.
The mentees await our arrival, mentors are essential to their survival.
I am dreaming the Afro American dream
My passion will show me the way.*

*The dreams dreamed by our four - father's,
Booker T., W.E.B.D., (Dubois), Frederick D., and the Junior Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King.
First and foremost is our education, standing firm on our Saviors foundation,
Focusing on repetition and memorization, leading to self-actualization.
"Fitting in" with the leaders means learning to be a reader,
Reading "The Greats," it's never too late, by whatever energy it takes, while planting seeds of goals
Refusing to "Just Pass," reading my way to the head of the class.
To live the Afro American Dream.*

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