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Loretta
Adult Education Center

2nd Annual
Benefit Dinner

June 5, 1980

7:00 p.m.

Grand Ballroom
Hyatt Regency Hotel
151 East Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois

A note of appreciation . . .

Many people have contributed to the success of this fund raising venture. Those of us who are affiliated with Loretto and Woodlawn Prep are convinced that the work we are doing is very important. Of course we need the support of our many friends in order to continue operations. We genuinely appreciate the contributions we have received which helped to make this event a success.

Program

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Dinner

LORETTO-WOODLAWN STORY
..... Herman H. Henderson

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INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER
..... Dr. Robert Grimes

GUEST SPEAKER Dr. Benjamin Alexander

PRESENTATION OF AWARD Barbara Bowles

BENEDICTION Rev. James Morgan

Loretto Adult Education Center is a non-profit corporation chartered in the state of Illinois. The Center is located at 1447 East 65th Street. The Center was founded in 1964 for the purpose of addressing itself to the problem of under-education of residents of the Woodlawn and adjacent areas. When the program began, its primary objective was to assist the student to prepare himself for the high school equivalency examination, and thereby earn a GED certificate of completion. Later the program was expanded, and authority to confer high school diplomas was extended by Unity High School.

Since the program's inception hundreds of persons have earned their high school diplomas and are actively pursuing the career areas of their choice.

In 1973 a youth component was added to the Center's operation. The Prep School began operations under a grant from Department of Human Services, and provides educational services to approximately 200 youth annually.

The "Prep" school has a dual thrust in its operational philosophy. It is equally concerned with academic development and personal growth. It has been evaluated as one of the most successful schools of its type.

The two schools have an average enrollment of 625 students. They are similar to a magnet school because students in attendance enroll from almost every community in the city.

The schools are staffed by qualified professionals and para-professionals, all of whom are under the direct supervision of full-time administrators.

HARRY PORTERFIELD

Master of Ceremonies

Popular local news commentator for CBS. Mr. Porterfield has been a friend of Loretto for many years. He was recently elected to the Loretto Board of Directors.

DR. BENJAMIN ALEXANDER

Speaker for the Evening

Dr. Benjamin Alexander is currently President of Chicago State University. He received his BA degree from the University of Cincinnati; his Master's degree from Bradley University; and his Doctorate from Georgetown University in Washington.

Dr. Alexander is a retired Major in the U. S. Army Reserves. He is listed in seven major biographical dictionaries, including Who's Who in America, and Leaders in Education. He has authored over 45 research papers, all of which have been published in professional journals. He is the co-owner of four patents assigned to the U. S. Government. He has lectured extensively across the country, and he has received numerous awards for distinguished leadership in education.

LERONE BENNETT, JR.

Award Recipient

Mr. Bennett is Senior Editor of Ebony Magazine, and one of the country's most distinguished historians and lecturers. He has authored eight books, including "*Before the Mayflower*", "*The Shaping of Black America*", and most recently, "*Wade in the Water*".

Mr. Bennett has traveled extensively in Europe and Africa. In 1974, he was a delegate to the Sixth Pan African Congress in Tanzania. His books and short stories have been translated into several languages including Russian and Arabic. Mr. Bennett has served as consultant to several national organizations, including the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders. He has demonstrated concern for the welfare of his fellow man, has indeed entitled him to the Humanitarian Award which he will receive tonight.

REVEREND JIM MORGAN

The Reverend Jim Morgan celebrated his fifth anniversary on May 17th as a member of the permanent diaconate of the Archdiocese of Chicago. He has assisted in the ministry of St. Clara's Catholic Church at 6415 South Woodlawn where he has been an active member since 1961. He and his wife Genevive have one son, James, a Sergeant in the Marine Corp, currently stationed in Okinawa.

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