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Chicago Pre-College Science & Engineering Program to Host Dr. Stanley Andrisse on March 16th at Kenwood Academy

Former Incarcerated Scientist to Inspire Next Generation of STEMM Leaders

(CHICAGO) – The **Chicago Pre-College Science & Engineering Program (ChiS&E)** will host **Dr. Stanley Andrisse**, a renowned endocrinologist scientist and author, as their next guest speaker on March 16th, 2024, at 9:00 AM at Kenwood Academy in Hyde Park, Chicago. Dr. Andrisse's remarkable journey, which saw him transform from a formerly incarcerated individual to a leading researcher and educator, promises to deliver a powerful message of hope, resilience, and the transformative power of education.

A Beacon of Second Chances:

Dr. Andrisse's life story is a testament to the potential for positive change, even in the face of seemingly insurmountable challenges. Sentenced to ten years in prison at a young age, he defied the odds and used his time behind bars to pursue his academic aspirations. This dedication led him to earn an MBA and a PhD in endocrinology, paving the way for his current role as an assistant professor at **Howard University College of Medicine**. He is the author of *From Prison Cells to PhD: It's Never Too Late To Do Good* and co-founder of From Prison Cells to PhD, Inc., a non-profit. Sales of his book are dedicated 100% to the non-profit.

Igniting Passion for STEMM:

Dr. Andrisse's passion extends beyond his research in diabetes and insulin resistance. He is a dedicated advocate for social justice and educational equity, particularly for individuals facing similar challenges he once did. His upcoming talk at the Chicago Pre-College Science & Engineering program aims to inspire young minds from all backgrounds to embrace science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEMM) and pursue their educational dreams.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Andrisse to address the students of ChiS&E," says Kenneth Hill, president & CEO of ChiS&E. "His story is a powerful reminder that it's never too late to turn your life around and make a positive impact on the world, and that he did it in the sciences will be extremely motivational to our students."

"Science has the power to transform lives, and I am living proof of that. I hope my story inspires young people to see themselves in STEMM fields and know that anything is possible," says Dr. Andrisse.



Event Details:

- Date: March 16th, 2024
- Time: 9:00 AM
- Location: Kenwood Academy, 5015 S. Blackstone Ave, Chicago, IL 60615

About Dr. Stanley Andrisse

Dr. Andrisse is a formerly incarcerated person with three felony convictions, sentenced to ten years in prison as a prior and persistent career criminal. He was told by a prosecutor that he had no hope for change. He is now an endocrine scientist and assistant professor at Howard University College of Medicine, United States, former faculty at Johns Hopkins Medicine, USA, and visiting faculty at Imperial College London, UK, and Georgetown University Medical Center, USA. He is the author of a '#1 New Release in Educator Biographies' book titled 'From Prison Cells to PhD: It is Never Too Late to Do Good'.

About ChiS&E

The ChiS&E provides highly-engaging, age appropriate hands-on science and engineering activities and promotes careers in science and engineering. The program is a partnership between Chicago Public Schools (CPS) and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Colleges of Education and Engineering and Department of Mathematics. Other partners include the LBJ STEM and Research Center at Texas State University, Riverbend Mathematics and Center (South Bend Indiana), and the University of Chicago School of Molecular Engineering. This upcoming parent orientation is for students currently in grades 1 – 4, 5th - 9th and 10th -11th and 12th grades. The program is free to participants with the only requirement being that a parent must participate with their child. Students must share their most recent report card in order to participate. The mission of the Chicago Pre-College Science and Engineering Program (ChiS&E) is to increase the number of historically underrepresented African American and Latino students who are motivated and academically prepared to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). ChiS&E is a 501 ©3 tax exempt organization.

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