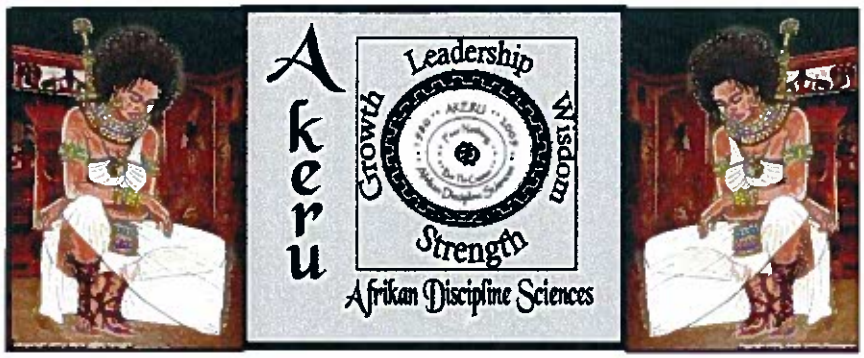

Having served as a Student Pledge Contact for South Carolina and Maryland for almost 6 years, I am pleased to share that the success in the student environment resulted in 4 City Council Proclamations and over 1000 student signatures. One of the methods used has been the collaboration between my veteran career as a martial artist to stress to the youth the need for discipline & not be quick to jump to violence in a crisis situation. This effort has hosted participation from celebrities such as hip-hop legend Christopher "Play" Martin and World Martial Art League President Grandmaster Klaus Schuhmacher of Germany. (See Attached)

Then it is with great excitement to announce that the "Worlds Faster Kicker" & internationally acclaimed, Grandmaster Gary Wasniewski of England, has endorsed this program for his world crisis intervention lecture tours & will be traveling to the United States once again to assist in this years *Student Pledge National Day of Concern on October 21, 2009* (See Attached)

In closing, I am compelled to include a unique thought in this missive. It has been my martial arts and, not my Ph.D. background that has caught & kept the attention of so many youth. This concerns me since cinema, sports and music celebrities may not realize the influence and control they have on the minds of future generations. A life skills syllabus needs to emphasize the importance of positive change, keeping one's word and being accountable for one's actions.

As a teen domestic abuse survivor, saying "enough" was just the beginning. It has taken me a lifetime to discover that what is needed is not self-defense but self-preservation by eliminating a mentality of retaliation with a firearm. I believe, that the *"Student Pledge Against Gun Violence"* is based on one essential component that is easy for a youth to understand.....

"Always have enough self-restraint to never touch a firearm!"

Peace Always,

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