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Black Attorney/ Activist Says “N-word Usage Does Not Guarantee Racism, But Its A Strong Character Witness”



NATIONWIDE (BlackNews.com) -- In 1994, Attorney Roy Miller became the first and only person to succeed at having the n-word deleted from a major dictionary (Funk and Wagnall's). Regarding n-word usage, he comments, "Using the n-word comes at a risk, one that may one day be criminal. Saying this, not everyone that uses the n-word intends to insult or demonstrate racism. The risk of n-word usage may be better understood, similar to determining whether an incident of sexual battery has taken place. It does not matter how the one touching intended for it to be taken, but how the receiver took it."

Attorney Miller further stated, "The n-word is like a category of wild animals that cannot be domesticated. Negligence per se. Negligent use of the n-word should attach civil and crimi-

nal liability. The n-word is a poisonous snake that many people find cute and like to play with foolishly. Once bitten by its venomous bite, rage and anger are usually thrown at the person holding that snake. Any person in their right mind would know that the n-word is poisonous and should never be used. Adults carelessly toss the n-word around without considering the collateral damage it does to children."

He concluded by saying, "Racists and Blacks using the n-word have a strange comradery, in that they fight for the right to call Black children the n-word. They fight for the same cause. Adults never ask Black children; how does it feel? No parent should condition Black youth to pretend that being spit on is cool rain. As with the n-word, it does not matter what the victim pretends it to

be. To the one spitting, it is still spit."

He continues, "I fight for our innocent Black children. The reason that I fought so hard in 1994 to succeed at having the n-word deleted from a major dictionary and impact change in all major dictionaries, is that I saw rocks thrown by adults into crowds and those rocks were hitting innocent little Black children. The n-word is never acceptable language to use towards a Black child."

He also added that change begins when adults place protecting children over pleasure.

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Black TV Personality Makes History, Acquires 100% of the Rights to His Local TV Show



Aaron Jordan Jr. is a Nashville media personality, author, and relationship coach who was named "Making Headline News Man of The Year" for 2020 & 2021.

Nationwide — Aaron Jordan, Jr., the host of a local TV program called Cafe Conversations with Mr. Know Your Worth, didn't always own the rights to his show but has now successfully acquired 100% ownership. Known for its interviews with prolific people

with powerful stories of triumph, the show currently broadcasts on Christian Television Network (CTN-WHTN) in Middle Tennessee (the Greater Nashville area and other surrounding counties), and also some parts of Kentucky.

The acquisition, which provides

Jordan with all the catalogs and copyrights of the show, is expected to create an avenue for him to develop more shows, concepts, and hosting opportunities.

"My team and I are looking to explore more acquisition and licensing opportunities," Jordan says. "I understand the demand for content, and we have a total of 20 shows currently in the catalog that have aired on a regional network for proof of concept. Also, this can lead to other avenues in the TV entertainment space (i.e. another TV show concept, hosting, etc)."

Jordan says that this landmark achievement is a result of long-term efforts right from the inception of the idea of the concept for a TV show, and further attributed his success to a replay of an old interview by Tyler Perry, which motivated him after seeing it.

"This achievement has been in the works since the inception of the idea of the concept for a TV show," he says. "When my brand started to venture into television, my first goal was to get ac-

quired by a network for licensing of my content, but it wasn't until I saw a replay of an old interview by Tyler Perry stressing the fact of the importance of having ownership of our content and brand that I began to think and ask myself: 'Do I really own my content fully to create leverage?'"

Jordan will leverage this acquisition in achieving his career objectives of not just impacting the lives of many young people positively, empowering men and women on understanding the power they possess in their relationships, and enriching them to overcome brokenness, but also impacting the future generations.

"This was a very pivotal milestone achieved. The reason being is because of the leverage that it creates long-term from a generational perspective. The decisions and sacrifices made over time create opportunities in the future for my daughter and future children. So this milestone means so much more to me than the present," he says.

LeBron James Partners With Crypto.com to Teach Children About Blockchain

NATIONWIDE — NBA superstar LeBron James has teamed up with one of the fastest-growing trading platforms, Crypto.com, to teach underserved children about blockchain technology.

Lebron's foundation announced its partnership with Crypto.com "to offer educational and workforce developmental opportunities" in blockchain for inner-city neighborhoods.

Crypto.com, which is a Singapore-based tech company launched in 2016, is one of the leading platforms in decentralized finance that allows users to trade bitcoin, cryptocurrency, and NFTs. It rose to fame as it works with several sports, entertainment, and fashion stars such as LeBron James.

With the new partnership, Lebron is hoping to be one of the first to create several possibilities such as job opportunities from the tech giant Crypto.com that could help those in underserved communities. The project also aims to bridge the digital gap between wealthy and low-income communities.

"Blockchain technology is revolutionizing our economy, sports and



entertainment, the art world, and how we engage with one another... I want

to ensure that communities like the one I come from are not left behind," James

told CBS News.

Astronaut Jessica Watkins Preps For Liftoff, Making History With Extended Stay On Space Station

Jessica Watkins will soon make history when she becomes the first Black woman to join the International Space Station for her first trip to space.

As previously reported by theGrio, the Colorado-born astronaut will serve as a mission specialist with the four-person crew on board the new SpaceX Crew Dragon named Freedom. Per the Orlando Sentinel, liftoff is from Kennedy Space Center's Launch Pad 39-A is set for Saturday, April 23, at 5:26 a.m.

"We get to be the representatives, the kind of tip of the spear if you will, of an enormous team of people," Watkins said, per the report. "For me, I am just really honored to be part of the long legacy of Black astronauts and Black women astronauts who came before me. I'm grateful for the opportunity to be a small part in that toward an exciting future as well."

Watkins will be joined by fellow NASA astronauts Commander Kjell Lindgren, pilot Robert Hines, and European Space Agency mission specialist Samantha Cristoforetti. Their mission is expected to last six months.

The 33-year-old previously told The New York Times that becoming an astronaut was "something I dreamed about for a very long time ever since I was pretty little, but definitely not something I thought would ever happen."

In 2017, NASA selected Watkins, a geologist, as one of its first class of astronaut candidates out of a record number of 18,300 applicants. Only twelve people made it to the final class, and Watkins was the only Black woman in the group.

Watkins majored in mechanical engineering at Stanford and then switched to studying planetary geology, which was more in line with her passions. She graduated from UCLA with her doctorate in geology and started working on the Mars rover. In an interview with The Times, she noted the importance of representation in science and space exploration, particularly so young girls "see an example of ways that they can participate and succeed."

"As a geologist, that's my background. I'm super excited for the opportunity to just observe the Earth and



kind of use the unique vantage point, the unique perspective that we can get from the ISS to be able to observe geologic features and processes," she said, per Orlando Sentinel.

Her crewmates have nicknamed her "Watty," and Lindgren said she "has no idea how annoying we're going to be" during the mission.

"It's so amazing to look out of the cupola, to look at the ground, to see the Earth, and constantly be wondering 'How did that happen?' ... now we have our own crew geologist that we're going to be calling to the window constantly. I know she says she's going to be happy to do it, but I think we're going to test her patience."