



THE CONTINUUM PROJECT, INC.

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Congratulations!

The Legacy Program -
CYCLE (I) ONE Launch was
a **Success!**



THE CONTINUUM PROJECT, INC. successfully facilitated the first Cycle of The Legacy Program at William Alexander Middle School 51 in Park Slope Brooklyn!

parents thus closing a hole of self-knowledge for a generation of people who thought they'd never see the day.

On April 29th and May 1st, in MS 51's 3rd Floor Black Box theatre, amidst two standing-room-only audiences, the 9 participants of *The Legacy Program - CYCLE (I) ONE* completed their 8-week CP experience with the 45-minute culminating performance entitled **"L.E.G.A.C.Y" (Leaving Evidence Gathered After Claiming Yourself)**. The bare-bones theatrical experience - woven together simply from genealogical research, self-exploration and improvisation - featured scenes that explored the concept of inherited legacy and the cultural connection between Africans and African Americans. After intermission of the first performance, to an audience of tear-filled family, the young people participated in the beautiful **Ancestral Revelation Ceremony** where they and the entire community discovered a part of their African ancestry for the first time. Many of the LP participants opted to receive the results of their ancestry test with their grand parents and great grand



Legacy Program - Cycle (I) One with Glenn Gordon, Nikkole Salter, and Gina Paige at L.E.G.A.C.Y. - the culminating theatrical performance at MS 51 in Brooklyn, NY - photo by Barry W

Among the some-odd 200 audience members were some very important CP supporters who went out of their way to witness the historic events. African Ancestry co-founder **Gina Paige**, education administrator **Ayanna Mackins** (child sponsor), MS 51 principal **Lenore Berner** and assistant principals

Nance Speth and **Greg Stanislaus**, CP Board Member **Will Pailen**, Piper Theatre Productions, Inc. board members **Laura DeCarlo**, **John P. McEneny**, **Wendy Richard**, **Beth Prather**, **Ann Carlson**, the Young Actors' Workshop founder **Ezra Barnes**, and Punch Enterprises proprietor **Malcolm Punch** (donor) were all 'in the house'!

The CP made record profits (actually these are the only profits we've ever had to put 'on record' *wink*) of nearly \$1,000 in ticket sales and spontaneous donations, several of which were made online via www.THECONTINUUMPROJECT.org And despite program costs, with the help of sponsorships, ticket sales and donations, LP - Cycle (1) One made a small profit - money ready to be used for the the LP - Cycle (2) Two!

The Legacy Program is invited to return to MS 51 & Beyond!

Due to the success of The Legacy Program - Cycle (1) One, [THE CONTINUUM PROJECT](http://www.THECONTINUUMPROJECT.org) has been

asked by principal Lenore Berner to return to **William Alexander Middle School 51** in the fall and



spring of academic year 2009-10 to facilitate The Legacy Program. In addition, due to the support of Ms. Ayanna Mackins - our first child sponsor and educational administrator - we were invited to submit a proposal for LP inclusion in the after school programming at **Paul Charter High School in**



Washington, DC for academic year 2009-10. We will keep you abreast of the outcome of our proposal.

The Legacy Program Cycle (1) One DVDs on sale!

DVDs that chronicle the experience of LP-Cycle (1) One participants will be available for purchase online at www.THECONTINUUMPROJECT.org on Friday, May 8, 2009!



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