

NSBE

"Anyone who allows himself to be distracted from the work I have planned for him is not fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:26

Of the many lessons I learned while being with the National Society of Black Engineers this is the one that stuck out. I've learned to think outside the box so that I can find the motivation to keep my mind stimulated. We should ask ourselves daily "What's on your mind?" so that we can keep in touch with who we are. A wise man said "A mind is a terrible thing to waste" and what I grabbed from that is to stay on track and control my thoughts. If I don't I could easily mess up just one time and everything I've worked hard for could be all over.

Before NSBE, school was just a place for me to chill with my friends and check out the girl that was sitting in front of me. I did work occasionally but only enough to get by. When my grades came I'd blame it on a test or project that I just didn't have time to do. I see now that life is full of windows ready to shatter. We need to be careful not to jump through the windows of failure but to leap through the windows of opportunity.

This convention invited me into the lives of many important people including Sharon Burch, Dr. Alec Gallimore, Frenchie Burroughs, Derrick Scott, Dr. Sharnnia Artis, Tremayne Waller, Susan Taylor, Double D, of course Brother E.D.,

and many more. I bonded with Dr. Sharnnia Artis. An interesting fact about her is that she is one of 0.7 percent of women with a Ph.D in engineering. The message she brought to the convention was to set your foundation, get your self together, and then you can do all the extra stuff. Her seminar touched me because she showed me her feelings and planted the seeds that will set my foundation in time. Anyone can accomplish goals if you have people around you to give you support. "Who's in your circle?" is an example she used. These people could be counselors, parents, teachers, friends, family members, pastors, or mentors. The main thing I took from this convention is to grab the hands that are reaching from those around who want to help.

I will begin doing this today!

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