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National Urban Alliance President, Dr. Eric Cooper, Keynote Speaker for Oklahoma Association for the Gifted and Talented "Encyclo-Media" Conference

Conference theme is "Literacy, Learning and Beyond"

New York, NY September 16, 2009- Dr. Eric Cooper, President and Founder of the National Urban Alliance for Effective Education (NUA) will be delivering this year's keynote address at the Oklahoma Association for the Gifted and Talented "Encyclo-Media" conference.

"Encyclo-Media" is Oklahoma's premier educational conference, and is regarded as one of the best educational conferences in the region. The Oklahoma State Department of Education sponsors this exciting two-day conference where almost 2800 educators including librarians, administrators, counselors, classroom teachers, reading specialists, and technology folks come together to focus on the fields of library media, reading, counseling, gifted and talented, and technology.

Dr. Cooper will also be leading a workshop after his keynote entitled: "The Role of Hope, Belief and Research in Student Learning".

Dr. Eric Cooper is the President of the National Urban Alliance for Effective Education (NUA). He served in a similar position as Executive Director for the NUA at Columbia University's Teachers College and as Adjunct Associate Professor for seven years. He has worked as a teacher, researcher, counselor, and Washington Fellow. In addition, he was Director of a treatment center for emotionally disturbed students. Eric received a B.A. from City University (NYC) with a major in Psychology. He also received an M.A. in Special Education, an Ed.M. in Educational Administration, and a doctorate in Interdisciplinary Studies, all from Teachers College, Columbia University. His educational mission is to support the improvement of education for urban and minority students. He writes, lectures, and produces television shows to provide advocacy for children who live in disadvantaged circumstances. He is co-founder of the Urban Partnership for Literacy with the International Reading Association, is working with the

National Council of Teachers of English to support improvements in urban education, and collaborates with the Council of Great City Schools. Eric has received the Connecticut Voices for Children, First for Kids 2002-2003 Community Advocacy Award.

The National Urban Alliance for Effective Education has been a leading organization in systemic education reform for more than two decades. NUA's underlying philosophy driven by the "science of teaching confidence," has been implemented in urban school districts throughout the country with documented, lasting, and meaningful success. From Seattle to Albany, Stamford to Birmingham, the NUA has helped transform once failing urban districts into model representations for what can be achieved when taking a values first approach to district wide reform.

The NUA's mission is to substantiate in the public schools of urban America an irrefutable belief in the capacity of all children to reach the highest levels of learning & thinking demanded by our ever-changing global community. NUA work is focused on learning & teaching. NUA builds toward high intellectual performance through students' culture, language, and cognition.

For more information about Dr. Cooper, the NUA, and to schedule an interview please contact pr@nuatc.org or call 516.802.4192
