

Brother John Wallace Isom Jr.

The U-Can! Man LLC

It's- About Continuing Education (I-ACE)

18 December 2012



"Superintendent Wes Taylor, I wanted to take time to say thanks for all you and your excellent team of Teachers/Staff done and is doing for my family. We are challenging each other as we race to the top. I felt it was time to pause and just say thanks. I know that Lowndes County School system is a key to our educational success. My wife Karen Y Isom is a 1988 Lowndes High School Graduate and she demanded that we retire and come back to have our children attend Her home School. 5 Years later I see why. Lowndes County School System in my opinion is simply the best. See below/attached to see a few of the results. Also I want to honor this year's team. Our three children are off to a good start learning/growing every day. Once again thanks for all You and Your Team has done and is doing. U-Can!"
John Wallace Isom (The U-Can! Man) 18 December 2012

America's Race To The Top Family (Per The U-Can! Man)

- The Yes We Can Man, President Barack Obama, On Race To The Top
Issued The Challenge
<http://youtu.be/VNbDv0zPBV4> July 2009
- The U-Can! Man And Family
Accepted Challenge July 2009-Present
www.johntheucanman.com created July 2009

Home, Karen Y Isom (Forever Young)

Excellent Wife

1. Our Family Educational Achievement Foundation
2. The U-Can! Man Bride Of 22 Years
3. The Mother Of All Five Arrows Including;
4. Joshua-19, Caleb-16, Joy Marie-10, Christian-5 and Joel Isom-2
5. 1988 Lowndes County High School Graduate. Go Vikings!

Superintendent Of the Lowndes County School System Superintendent

Wes Taylor

Excellent Leader

1. Our Son Joshua Isom Principal 4 Years 2007-2011
2. Our Son Caleb Principal 2009-2011
3. National Principal Of The Year 2011
4. Super Role Model for Our Two Children
5. Always displayed a U-Can! type positive Attitude

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Joy Marie Isom 5th Grader, (10 Years Young)

- 2nd 9 Weeks Grades ending 19 December 2012 **3-A's 3-Bs**
- Has never made less than B grade through 5th Grade
- A member of Tinkling dance team 3 consecutive years
- Loves to read books and more books
- Excited about Ms Fort stating she is the (best ever)

Excellent Teachers

1. Westside Elementary, Principal Suzanne Tanner
2. Ms Lisa Fort
3. Ms Margaret Jackson
4. Ms Miranda Robertson
5. Ms Virginia Califf

Christian Isom Kindergartner (5 Years Young)

- Had Ms Hall for Pre-K 2011-2012
- Enjoys going to school everyday
- Loves learning and excited about knowing many new sight words
- Loves his Teacher Ms Mays

Excellent Teacher

1. Westside Elementary, Principal Suzanne Tanner
2. Ms Tricia May

Caleb Isom 11th Grader (16 Years Young)

- 2nd 9 Weeks Grades ending 19 December 2012 **2-A's 2-Bs**
- Earn Academic Award for JV Basketball Team 2011-2012
- Played on the JV Football team 2012
- Playing on the JV Basketball team 2012-2013
- A member of the Lowndes High School Beta Club 2012-Present
- Has made only A's and B's Throughout High School
- Earned B for his first Semester of Spanish Aug 2012-Dec 2012

Excellent Teachers

1. Lowndes County High School, Principal Jay Floyd
2. Ms Rosemary Martin
3. Ms D'neese Bellflower
4. Ms Jody Allen
5. Ms Margaret Fender
6. Ms William Davis

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Joshua Isom (19 Years Young)

Excellent Team Of Professors/Team

1. 2007- 2011 Lowndes County High School Honor Graduate
2. Won Academic Award for the Varsity Basketball team 2011
3. Won Coaches Award for the Varsity Basketball team 2011
4. Earn Honor Awards as A Senior was in the top 100 out of over 600
5. Was a Member of the Lowndes High School Beta Club 2010-2011
6. UGA was Joshua dream starting in 2006
7. Attended Valdosta State University (VSU) Aug 2011-Dec 2012
8. Took 17 Classes 16-A's 1-B (3.93 GPA)
9. Made 4 consecutive Deans List at VSU
10. Made UGA Dream Come true

John The U-Can! Man(48 Years Young)

Excellent Team Of Professors/Team

1. **Valdosta State University Blazers August 2009-Present**
2. John The U-Can! Man, Senior current (3.66 GPA)
3. 1978-1982 Jefferson County Florida High School Graduate (2.07 GPA)
4. 1982-2007- 25 Year Army Retired Veteran
5. Valdosta-Lowndes County 5-Star Chamber Of Commerce Member 2007-Present
6. Tracking College Journey on www.johntheucanman.com To help others pursue higher education

“By ourselves we either do good or bad; together we either do good or bad; It is better to do good or bad together than by ourselves. Because together we have more minds, heads, hearts, and spirit. So I say to all, let us all live each day with a U-CAN! attitude, telling ourselves first, then each other. If we do this success beyond our wildest dreams will happen. U-CAN!”

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Every U-Can! Man family member creates a LIFE quote, then live it daily

1: John The U-Can! Man (48) "U-CAN!", And "Never Ever Give Up!"

2: Karen Y Isom (Bride of 22 Year) "God is going to bless our Family"

3: Joshua Isom (19) "Go for what you want don't wait"

4: Caleb Isom (16) "Do the basics your best, you will be better"

5: Joy Isom (10) "Do your best by never believing something's not so!"

6: Christian Isom (5) To Be Created (TBC)

7: Joel Isom (2 Year) To Be Created (TBC)

**John The U-Can! Man And Bride Tell Them One Thing Everyday U-CAN!
Pushing Them Into Their Destiny/Life Quote, Because
We Are America's Race To The Top Family**

The U-Can! Man Tell Them U-Can! Article

Tell Them U-Can!

"You can't."

"You won't."

"You are a failure waiting to happen."

And, last but not least:

"You are wasting our time and resources."

These were the statements spoken to me, John the U-Can! Man, when I began college in the fall semester of 2009. I'd been excited to qualify for the entry-level program at South Georgia College's Valdosta State University campus. I didn't allow myself to be discouraged by my July 2009 Compass results: a 53 out of a minimum required 61 in Reading, 33 out of 61 in English, and 16 out of 37 in Algebra. I'd served my country for over twenty-five years and now I was ready to apply that dedication to improving my education.

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When I shared my test results with people, however, I couldn't believe how they reacted. By the time I attended my first day of class on August 17, 2009, I'd heard from so many people that it was a mistake for me to enter college. They'd tell me statistics showing that students who require developmental courses are far less likely to graduate than students who do not. They'd tell me to stop wasting the government's money.

On August 17, 2009, I officially became part of the Elephant in the Room: remedial course college students. I read during my first year of college that it cost the state of Georgia 23 million dollars a year to provide remedial college classes. Then, I stepped an amazing group of people: my instructors at South Georgia College. Through their words and their deeds they told me, "You can do your best. You are a success waiting to happen. We are happy to be here for you and will stand beside you as you lay a solid foundation for the next four to five years." This was demonstrated by SGC President Dr. Carson, VSU-SGC Entry-level Program Director Valerie Webster, and instructors Mr. Ward, Mr. Petrella, Mr. Talbott, Dr. Maul, Ms. Crowe, and Ms. Betts, as well as the rest of the staff.

The U-Can! Man Empowerment Through Encouragement Shuttle (TUM-ETES), located at www.johntheucanman.com, offers Free Resources (for starters) to share with all 14000-plus students requiring remedial classes. The Free Resources are on my "Email Your College Story" page at

The U-Can! Man Favorite Question

Is This Thing Still Flying ?

"Test pilots have a litmus test for evaluating problems. When something goes wrong, they ask, "Is this thing still flying?" If the answer is yes, then there's no immediate danger, no need to overreact. When Apollo 12 took off, the spacecraft was hit by lightning. The entire console began to glow with orange and red trouble lights. There was temptation to do something". But the pilots asked themselves, "Is the thing still flying in the right direction?" The answer was yes – it was headed for the moon. They let the lights glow as they addressed the individual problems, and watched orange and red lights blink out, one by one.

That's something to think about in any pressure situation. If your thing is still flying, think first, and then act" Capt Allan Bean, USN, Apollo Astronaut.

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The U-Can! Man Bio

John The U-Can! Man Racing To The Top Bio

(The U-Can! Man Brand)



“U-Can! Buy Your Swag. U-Can! Build Your Brand. Both Are Desired. I Choose Building My Brand First, Then Buying My Swag Second. The Choice Is Yours, Brand Before Swag Or Swag Before Brand.”

John Wallace Isom Jr (a.k.a. The U-Can! Man) 29 November 2012

A native of Monticello, Florida, The U-Can! Man is all **14** of these and more:

1. **Motivational Speaker** (Life Goal Building A Brand to help students race to the top)
2. **Husband**, married 22 years to the virtuous **Karen Yvette Isom** (Lowndes HS Grad)
3. **Father:** of Joshua (19), Caleb (16), Joy Marie (10), Christian (5), and Joel Isom (2)
4. **Ordained Elder- 4 Nov 2012** (Union Cathedral Church- Bishop Wade S McCrae)
5. **Sunday School Teacher** (for ages 9-13)
6. **CEO/Founder** of The U-Can! Man LLC
7. **Junior** at Valdosta State University (earning a 3.69 GPA)
8. **5-Year member** of the Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce
9. **Retired Army Veteran** who served 25-plus years
10. **Author** of the book *Return To Honor: A Soldier Story*
11. **2- Year Member Of :** The National Society of Leadership and Success
12. **Recommended** for Who's Who Fall Semester 2012 (Awaiting Results)

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13. **Teacher/Instructor** 3 years Army Recruiting And Retention School
(recognized for having 6 Consecutive Honor Graduates.

14. **Mentor Of The Year:** Jacksonville Army Recruiting Battalion 1992

His number-one goal in life is to help students from the very beginning—starting in head start and preschool programs—from Valdosta, GA to across the nation. The U-Can! Man believes that when our **Talk** (dialogue), **Walk** (deed), and **Work** (labor) are in synchronization, every child will be on the path to a life of success. He has accepted the Race to the Top challenge issued by President Obama: “America will not succeed in the 21st century unless we do a far better job of educating our sons and daughters... And the race starts today. I am issuing a challenge to our nation’s governors and school boards, principals and teachers, businesses and non-profits, parents and students: if you set and enforce rigorous and challenging standards and assessments; if you put outstanding teachers at the front of the classroom; if you turn around failing schools – your state can win a Race to the Top grant that will not only help students outcompete workers around the world, but let them fulfill their God-given potential.”

President Barack Obama, July 24, 2009

To learn more about The U-Can! Man’s beliefs and his own academic achievements (he began college in August 2009), visit www.johntheucanman.com.

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RACING TO THE TOP

Favorite Three Questions (FAV-3)

(SPC)

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1. Students: Are you doing your assigned homework?

2. Parents: Do you know your children grades at all times?

3. Community: Are we helping to make both answers yes?

The U-Can! Man has chosen these three questions as critical

Yes Answer Essential (YAE).

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