

U-CAN! MAN Retirement Journey



The U-CAN! MAN, John Wallace Isom Jr., is well underway on his ‘Retirement Journey’ beginning with scripting two books, setting up a website, speaking engagements, and now aspires to work hard and close with his Jefferson County School District personnel and students with a five year proven strategy for high school and college graduation.

He is a 1982 Jefferson County High School graduate, and a proud ‘Fighting Tiger’. He retired from the United States Army in November 2007. He’s a 2013 Valdosta State University college graduate, with a BA in Sociology and a Minor in African American Studies. He is a member/affiliate with Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce, National Society of Leadership Success VSU Chapter, Who’s Who Class Among VSU College Students, and VSU Phi Kappa Phi. Honorary Society.

He faithfully journals his days, sharing his direction and strategy for all to see at www.johntheucanman.com. He is very focused on this journey, never losing sight of his Jefferson County roots. His main goal in life is to help students from the very beginning, from Early Head Start and preschool programs, all across the nation. It’s his belief is 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 out-compete workers around the world, but let them fulfill their God-given potential.”*

President Barack Obama/July 24, 2009.

“I know without Jefferson and its amazing team, I would not have accomplished all I have these past 50 years on earth,” he says. “My retirement journey is being recorded on www.johntheucanman.com. One of the main reasons for this is to give my home town school system and students hope. I one-hundred percent believe a picture can paint a thousand words, and no matter what I hear in the news about our schools every time school grades are reported, I know what Jefferson County has produced and can produce.”

Isom has also been in contact with the county commissioners in reference to his afore mentioned statements. He wants to share his stories of encouragement and hope for our schools to the community through assemblies, classrooms, workshops, and any other means to get a positive word put.

He says that he has spoken with hundreds of Fighting Tigers Alumni asking, “What can we do to help our schools continue to rise to our rightful place the top?” And, that’s why he has decided to share his story, and has urged them to do the same. “Hope is powerful. If you don’t have hope, you have very little chance to excel,” he reiterates. “If you would like to join this ‘hope team’, just spread the word, and tell them The U-Can! Man said U-Can! By ourselves we either do good or bad. Together we either do good or bad. It’s 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 of Jefferson County, 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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