

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Established in 1976, this annual observance during February honors the past achievements and current status of African-Americans.

Kendall Wright

*President and Ceo
Entelechy Training & Development, Inc.*

Not only has Mr. Kendall Wright become a success in his own right, but he also helps others to do the same. He is President and CEO of Entelechy Training and Development, Inc. Entelechy, in layman's terms means moving from potential to reality.

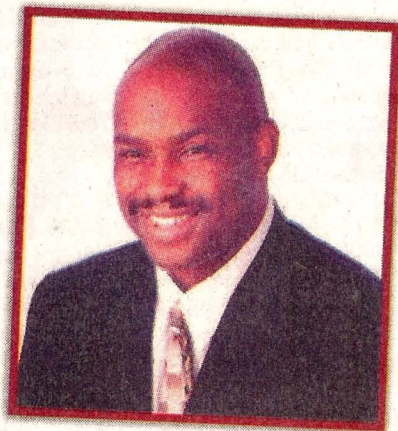
This potential to reality actually began for Kendall at a very young age. While in 7th grade, he delivered a presentation for Loyalty Day-now known as Veteran's Day. He won in a series of progressive contests to the state level.

Wright, a 1978 Middletown High School graduate, received his Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Dayton in 1982.

Wright turned to the Army to further his college education. He served as a tank commander while earning his Master's degree in Human Resources Development/Management from Webster University. He maintained a 3.83 grade point average while serving his country and being a husband and father.

Kendall credits his mother with modeling sacrifice for him. She was a nurse and dealt with struggles because of "her packaging." Some people didn't want her help because of how she looked said Wright. But she continued in her work. "She taught me drive, commitment, perseverance and sacrifice," he added.

Wright said that he has learned to deal with "isms" in society by letting his competency shine. At a seminar in Salt Lake City, Utah, everyone in the room was white but him. One man wasn't sure about Kendall



being the speaker. "I chose to show him what I knew rather than tell him," he said.

"I learned that in Middletown," said Wright. "Lessons taught by scouting, church and the community have served me well."

Today, besides being the President and CEO of his company, Kendall is an Associate Pastor at United Missionary Baptist Church, Life Member of the NAACP, Board Member of the Ohio Chapter of the National Speakers' Association, National Register's Who's Who in Executives and Professionals, National Speakers Association Directory, of Professional Speakers, Outstanding Young Men of America, International Who's Who of Professionals, Author of Affirming and Confirming SuccessFul TM Living: How to Cultivate a SuccessFul TM Perspective and Co-Author of Conversations on Success, an anthology of interviews about success.

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