

Rico Wint Bio:

Motivational speaker, educator, community leader and minister, Rico Wint is motivating young men throughout the Denver metro area. A product of both Denver and Aurora Public Schools, he understands the plight that faces many of our inner-city young men. His passion and enthusiasm for inspiring young men to be their best selves through practical, applicable social/leadership training is evident. A graduate of Aurora Central High School and University of Northern Colorado (B.A. Political Science) he was elected the student body president on both levels, notably the 3rd African American president in UNC's 130-year history. Because of his success on Student Representative Council, he was placed on a full ride academic scholarship during his tenure on UNC's Student Government.

During his time as a student leader at UNC, Rico created "Speak Truth, Not Ignorance" TM, a platform to address the issues and concerns of underrepresented students. Created simply to allow students to discuss and gain understanding of cultural differences.

"Mr. Rico" as he is affectionately known by his students; is noted for his powerful and riveting lectures. Teachers and staff have been quoted saying "Walking past a YMOP session, I could hear a pin drop!" He attributes his passion to the need to place knowledge of self in the young men he mentors.

In 2017, he was awarded "Aurora Central's: Legend Award" for excellence in community service with YMOP. The 2017 class was enshrined in the Aurora Central's rafters and received a personal letter of appreciation from former Mayor Stephan D. Hogan.

In 2020, The University of Northern Colorado named Wint "Alumni of The Year" for his work in the Denver Metro area with YMOP. This prestigious award makes him one of 250 honored with this honor in UNC's 130-year history.

2021 cements over a decade that YMOP has been able to influence over 4,000 young men in the Denver metro area. He continues to strongly believe in the mission of Young Men of Purpose because young men trained in purpose, are likely to grow into Men who live on purpose.

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