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Sil Lai Abrams (L), author and empowerment specialist, and Pine-Sol spokeswoman Diane Amos shared their stories with the audience.

### “Wonderful Turnaround”

Sil Lai Abrams discussed how to identify the main roadblocks to inner peace and practical steps to achieving self-awareness and self-acceptance. She is the author of the critically acclaimed book, “No More Drama: Nine Simple Steps to Transforming a Breakdown Into a Breakthrough.”

The next Sisterspeak® Luncheons event will be held Oct. 24 in Dallas. Look for information on how to attend October’s free event in this issue of EBONY magazine.



### LASHON SCOTT

Founder, REACH Youth Initiative

LaShon Scott works tirelessly in the community so that the youth of Detroit can have a brighter future. “I will not give up until I have helped every youth I possibly can.” She founded REACH Youth Initiative (RYI) in 2002 to help young people become well-rounded adults. The group offers educational workshops, summer camps and career expos.



### TONYA MCNEAL-WEARY

Founder, Youth Entrepreneurs Series (Y.E.S.)

Tonya McNeal-Weary founded Youth Entrepreneurs Series in 2005 to teach teen girls how to be successful in the work world. The program provides lessons in business, finance and leadership, which are considered to be the three most crucial skills for entrepreneurs. The Y.E.S. program aims to teach girls how to be successful business owners or employees throughout their teen years and into their adult life.



### GAREN S. WOLFF

Founder, Official City Prep

Seeing the need for a mentoring program for African-American girls, Garen Wolff started Official City Prep in 2001. The program pairs middle school girls with high school girls and has been so successful that in 2003 the program changed to include girls of all races, cultures and nationalities. Official City Prep offers standardized test preparation, the cultivation of etiquette skills, scientific exploration and familiarity with the arts.



### LATONIYA A. JONES

Founder, P.O.W.E.R. Organization

A former math instructor, LaToniya Jones believes improving math skills is the best way to help young people become productive citizens and capable leaders of tomorrow. In 2004 she started P.O.W.E.R. Organization to embrace, engage and empower youth ages 8 to 14. Programs include math summer camps, enrichment programs and mini-conferences.

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