

Pastor Amos Gray's passion for teachers and students shows every day through his dedication to our campus and our people! He is an integral part of the Hot Springs High School Freshmen Academy and is making a difference everyday by working with the teachers on the what and how of building relationships with their colleagues and students. These relationships have moved teaching and learning from a task that has to be done to a genuine passion for learning that must be shared. He also connects with our students through our Camp TROY Peer Mentoring Program where we choose sophomore, junior and senior students and pair them with freshmen students to help in their transition onto the high school campus. This program continues to expand through the efforts of Pastor Amos and we are able to save a lot of students simply through building these relationships in our peer mentoring program. I for one will be eternally grateful to Pastor Amos and his commitment to our children and teachers at Hot Springs High School and the Freshmen Academy!

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"Every Trojan, Every Chance, Every Day!"

When dealing with at-risk students, the first thing we as educators/mentors need to establish is Trust and Faith. We need to realize that for most of them, we are the only stability that they have and that makes teaching expected behaviors, and learning about the Hidden Rules of Poverty much easier for both sides. If we want them to understand our middle class rules, we must understand their life in the struggle, whether it's drugs, inappropriate relationships, lack of positive support from the home, or just the struggle of trying to get an education with all of that is going on around them. Amos Gray has helped set the stage to make dreams realities in these students lives.

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Pastor Amos Gray has been an incredible partner in education. His keynote and breakout sessions on "Managing Difficult Students" have been invaluable to our faculty and staff. Pastor Amos has also mentored many of your young men and women both in our schools and in our community. If you have not heard him speak, you will not want to miss an opportunity as he will motivate you to be a better educator and person!

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"If we do not plant knowledge when young, it will give us no shade when we are old." -- Lord Chesterfield

Please consider this letter as an endorsement on behalf of Mr. Amos Gray of Hot Springs, Arkansas. I first met Mr. Gray while teaching at Hot Springs Middle School and have known him for the past five years. Amos is an engaging, motivating and enthusiastic speaker on topics that have proven effective for leading today's youth and our local community.

Over the years, I have worked directly with Mr. Gray as part of the "Choose The Best" program for young students. This program was an beneficial tool used to reach both middle and high school students while guiding them to make the right choices concerning their futures. Amos Gray is passionate about educating our youth as a mentor, leader, pastor and ultimately, as a parent.

At the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year, he was invited to speak to all of the Hot Springs School District faculty and staff by the district's superintendent. His uplifting message was encouraging and reminded us of our purpose as educators.

Mr. Gray maintains a relationship of trust, loyalty and respect when working with teachers and students. His presentations provide an interactive learning opportunity and are well received by his audiences. I gladly recommend Amos Gray for any future speaking events.

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