



Creating pathways to college, employment and entrepreneurship for Compton youth through engagement with STEM education and the arts.

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Germaine Hagan, my colleague and friend. Since 2015 when I sought him as a health coach, I have been a recipient of the wisdom, instruction and friendship of Germaine. He is a creative genius, lifelong learner and embodies a relentless work ethic, unmatched by few people with which I have worked.

Some of the gems include his ability to teach and lead others through challenging times in their lives. I have witnessed him coach people who have overweight problems, autoimmune diseases and those living with HIV and major depression. It takes an empathetic, optimistic, soulful person to navigate troubled people through the roughest times in their lives. How do I know? Because he did it for me and my family. Because of his coaching, I am free from prescribed medication, now eating a majority plant-based diet and have lost over 20 lbs. This helped me leave the pit of depression. And as usual, he went above and beyond what was expected because he is tied to the ultimate result for all of his clients no matter how hard the process may be.

As a community leader, he created New BLK Wall Street, a non profit organization dedicated to bringing economic and human resources to the Black community, serving areas that are food and economic development deserts in the Los Angeles urban communities. Through relationships with local businesses, corporations and nonprofits like Unearth and Empower Communities, his goal is to provide employment, empowerment training and financial tools that will enable Black communities to thrive in areas dominated by discrimination and racial exclusion. This has been a lifetime dream of his.

However, Germaine's best attribute is what he does so naturally. He is a father, not only to his three sons and daughter, but to other young people with whom he creates community. Germaine shows up. He is present and honest. He is a mentor by heart. It's deep within him and it overflows to everyone he touches. Children gravitate toward him because of his father's heart. Healing takes place when Germaine is operating in his gifts. Any volunteer or hired role where there is a project leader, program creative or outreach coordinator, Germaine is your guy. As a K-12 educator with almost 30 years of experience leading schools and non profit organizations, I highly recommend Germaine for any position where he is allowed to use his gifts, training and talents. Please feel free to reach me at 323.803.9938 or barak@unearthandempower.org.

Most sincerely,

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