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Real Men Giving Real Time

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To Whom It May Concern:

Mr. Derreck Ford has announced his intention to expand his scope of community impact to include speaking at high schools and colleges. I am delighted to hear the news and want to be enthusiastic in my endorsement of his intent and messaging. I have known Derreck for well over twenty years, as a community member, as an entrepreneur, and as a member of the 100 Black Men of Orange County organization. Over the years, I have found him to be a man of strong character, a man of commitment, and a good mentor to youth around the community.

In his capacity as a senior class coordinator for the 100 BMOC's PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE program, Derreck served many roles. While the management of classroom dynamics and preparing lessons were typical tasks, without question he is very impactful as a motivational speaker to the youth. His experiences are broad, stories and narratives are compelling, his delivery is impassioned, and his words are impactful. He has a way of impacting the lives of young men and women that is inspirational and moving.

In closing, it gives me great pleasure to recommend him to you for opportunities to address your students with a motivational and practical message.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Parham', written over a white background.

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