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NBC Photo-Journalist Pete Kane to Address YouthBuild Student Awards Assembly

Kane to Deliver Motivational Speech to 200 Students

On the morning of Friday, Dec. 12, 2008 at 8:45 a.m., NBC Photo-Journalist Pete Kane will address the YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School class of 2009 during the school's winter awards ceremony at the Freedom Theater (1346 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA).

At YouthBuild Philadelphia, former high school dropouts between the ages of 18 and 21 work toward their high school diplomas while training in construction, technology or nursing. Each student also provides 900 hours of community service as part-time members of AmeriCorps. During YouthBuild's winter awards ceremony, the school recognizes students for their accomplishments throughout the fall session (September to December) in academics, attendance, leadership, vocational performance and personal transformation.

Kane was hired to work in NBC 10's mailroom in 1973 at age 19. Now, more than thirty years later, Kane is a celebrated and accomplished photo-journalist (see bio). Kane will address an assembly of 200 students, briefly discussing his professional and personal experiences from his youth onward, and how his decisions shaped who he is today. Kane will also provide advice and motivation for the students as they plan and work toward their own futures.

Biography for Pete Kane:

Pete Kane is a photo-journalist at NBC 10 Television News, where he has been employed since 1973. Kane, who was born and raised in North Philadelphia, started as a mail clerk at NBC 10 at age 19. Nine years later, Kane was promoted to NBC 10's news department where he started his photo-journalism career. In preparation for his profession, Kane attended night school at the Berean Institute, transferring to Temple University and eventually the Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science. Kane also provided freelance photography work for The Philadelphia Daily News, The Philadelphia Inquirer and the Bulletin.

Kane was honored in the journalism industry for his courageous coverage of the May 1985 MOVE incident. Kane hid in a house on Osage Avenue for 24 hours, providing live reports and exclusive video coverage of a standoff and shooting that led to a bombing and fire that killed eleven adults and children.

Kane's street smarts and professional performance have earned him many awards, including: the Philadelphia Association of Black Journalists' 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award; an Alfred I. duPont Award for broadcast journalism, a National Academy of Arts and Sciences Mid-Atlantic Emmy Award, a 1998 Delaware Valley Press Award, and a Martin Luther King Award. Kane was honored by the 76ers in 2006 as one of Philadelphia's Hometown Heroes.

Kane is a trustee at Christ Like Pleasant Green Faith Baptist Church in North Philadelphia. He is the co-founder of Young Men's Fellowship, which mentors young men in making wise choices in life. Kane also works with area DARE programs to educate children and teenagers about the negative effects of drugs and alcohol. During the school year, he can be found participating in career day programs and activities in area school districts.

Kane resides in Cheltenham Township with his wife, Adrienne, and their four children, Tanisha, Steven, Kristopher and Justin.

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YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School is a not-for-profit organization that provides out-of-school youth in Philadelphia the broadest range of tools, supports and opportunities available to become self-sufficient, responsible and productive citizens. YouthBuild Philadelphia offers an innovative program, which blends a rigorous diploma-based curriculum with 900 hours of community service and on-the-job training in construction, technology or nursing.

Students at YouthBuild Philadelphia can earn their high school diplomas and make successful transitions to full-time jobs and post-secondary educational programs. For more information, visit www.youthbuildphilly.org.