* **Theme**: **“*Uniting the Blue Divide: What Can Young People Do to Improve the Relationship Between Law Enforcement and Their Communities?”***
  + **Student Pointer:** In response to incidents in Ferguson (MO) and other communities across the country, this topic is designed to start a dialogue with youth about ways to improve the relationship between the police and communities of color. The issues currently being faced by our communities cannot be solved by one group alone, the solution requires communication and collaboration from both sides. Students should discuss the current state of community-police relations and what they can do to help advance a culture of trust, respect, and enriched relations.
* **Application Process** 
  + Approval letter from Africentric on official letter head:
    1. Approval to hold workshops in facility
    2. Use of building at no cost (room number to be used for 25 students)
    3. Noting this is a student event
  + Applications:
    1. Applications will be provided to school by CACBIG (snapshot included in this attachment)
    2. School to provide a single point of contact to receive the applications from students
    3. Application deadline is **3:00pm** **February 28, 2017**
    4. Member will retrieve the applications from the named school point of contact on **February 28, 2017** no later than **3:30pm**
    5. The students will be notified by letter of the locations, dates and time of workshops and competition.
* **Communication Academy – Youth Leadership** 
  + The Youth Leadership Program is a workshop consisting of a total of 8-hours of sessions that enable the participant to develop communication and leadership skills through practical experience. Each participant will receive a workbook. The program is presented during or after school, or on weekends. Participants will learn to:
    1. Evaluate present speaking ability
    2. Organize and give speeches
    3. Give impromptu talks
    4. Control voice, vocabulary and gestures
    5. Give constructive feedback and more
  + Jane Doe will be the presenter and is the Vice-President of Education of the AGOISSI Toastmasters #3500. Her bio is attached.
  + The workshops are scheduled to be held at college campus from \_\_\_\_am/pm to \_\_\_\_am/pm on the following dates:
    1. **March** XXXX
  + All workshops must be completed by **March 30, 2017.**
* **Competition**
  + Student rehearsals will be conducted on March XXXX at \_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Competition Judge requests are via official Columbus Area Chapter letterhead. Judge requests should be sent at the mid-point of the training following confirmation of participating students.
  + The competition will be held on **April 22, 2017**, at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_am/pm.
  + The students have from **March 7 through April 15, 2017** to develop their paper based on theme and while attending workshops. Highly suggest they coordinate and work with their English teacher.
  + In order to compete, the student must attend all 8-hours of the workshops, complete the type written paper and memorize their paper for presentation.
  + Must submit copies of their type written paper by **midnight April 15, 2017**.
  + Must complete the registration process for the local competition.
  + Awards:
    1. All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation
    2. First place will receive a plaque and stipend
       - Student will compete at Regional level.
         * Student’s name and registration information will be sent to the Region level Program Chair or designee to compete by **June 1, 2017**. The regional competition will take place in Cleveland, Ohio on **June 24, 2017**. Student is responsible for travel and lodging (if necessary) to regional competition.

If the student wins at the Regional level, they will compete at the National level **August 24, 2017 in Atlantic City, NJ** at the Blacks In Government National Training Institute.

National Level will only provide travel and lodging for regional winners to participate in the national oratorical competition which will take place during the Annual BIG National Training Conference.

* + - * + The Chapter Program Committee Chair will attend each level of competition with the contestant.
      * Please note awards are different at each level.
  + The local competition must be completed by **May 1, 2017**.
* **Fund Requests**
  + All funding requests must be made with the presentation of the planning document to the membership.
    - Plaque/Certificates
    - Reception Cost
    - Location Cost
    - Material Cost
    - Mailing Cost
* **Competition Rules**

1. Contestants draw numbers for order of presentation.
2. Timing begins on the first word uttered and stops on the last word. Penalty system is in place for those who go over or under the time limit—three points for each 15 seconds over or under the time limit.
3. No one is allowed to enter or leave the room during an oration.
4. Contestants do not state their name or any other identifying data during your oration (i.e., name of school, city, state, or sponsoring chapter). Penalty system is in place for those who provide identifying data—two points.
5. A minimum of one minute of silence is granted to judges after an oration.
6. No pictures or other activities are allowed during an oration other than the official CACBIG photographer or videographer.
7. Protest must be made before the final scoring. The competition chair shall have the final ruling on all protests.

* **Protests**

Individuals may challenge/protest a decision or rule interpretation of the youth competition during the Chapter and Regional competitions using the following guidelines:

In the case of chapter competitions, the protestor must challenge a decision within 72 hours by notifying the Chapter Program and Planning Chair (CPPC). Once an opposition is made, the CPPC shall immediately notify the contestants, who will be potentially impacted by the challenge/protest.

If the challenger does not receive the answers required, a written appeal request must be sent by registered mail to the Regional Program and Planning Chair (RPPC) within seven (7) days of the Chapter’s decision. The written appeal should include all the facts and arguments that would support reversing the decision. The RPPC will make a decision and email or mail a response to the challenger within seven (7) days of receipt of the appeal.

If the RPPC fails to comply within seven (7) days or the challenger is unsatisfied with the response, the challenger has seven (7) days to forward the appeal to the National Program and Planning Chair (NPPC). Once the appeal is submitted to the National level, the NPPC will determine on a case-by-case basis the appropriate Chapter, Regional, and National officers required to vet the challenge/protest.

The decision made at the National level will be the final and binding decision. The NPPC will provide a written justification for the final decision to the challenger, CPPC, and the RPPC within seven (7) days of receipt.