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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Blacks In Government Regional Councils Presidents

**FROM:** Honorable Ms. Darlene H. Young -BIG National President

**SUBJECT:** 2016 Training In Communications Program

1. The National Organization of Blacks In Government (BIG) is sponsoring a Training In Communications (TIC) program. The purpose of this program is to provide young people training in communication and leadership skills, and practical experiences to develop those skills. The TIC Program is composed of two parts: a) Communications Academy, and b) Student Oratorical Contest. The TIC targets 9th – 12th Grade students to compete for scholarships and awards. The 2016 theme is: *"21st Century Racial Equality, Justice or Injustice: Where are we headed?"*
2. The TIC program enables your chapter to make a positive contribution in the community, thus increasing the chapter's visibility. It provides an excellent opportunity to share with others BIG's mission and vision.
3. The Oratorical segment of the program will conclude at BIG's National Training Conference at the National Oratorical Competition. First place winners from Regional Councils' Oratorical Competition will compete in the national competition. Students will receive awards (plaques and scholarships) for successfully preparing and presenting an original oration. The National Awards are: 1) First Place – Plaque and \$1000, 2) Second Place – Plaque and \$600, and 3) Third Place – Plaque and \$400.
4. BIG has developed a program package to assist you in conducting the TIC program at the chapter level for participation in the regional and national oratorical competition.
5. Regional Council and Chapter Presidents should appoint a Chair to coordinate the competition, effectively. Regional Council Presidents should also contact the chapters in their region and inform them of the date and location of their regional competitions. Please note that regional winners must be selected no later than **July 1, 2016** and submitted to the National Program and Planning Committee Chair.
6. All student entries at the chapter and regional level must adhere to ALL of the national published guidelines. Any entries submitted to compete in the national competition; which, did not adhere to the national guidelines at either chapter, regional or national level, will be immediately disqualified and will not be able to resubmit the student entry for reconsideration at any level.
7. If you have any questions concerning the Training In Communications program please forward them via e-mail to [programandplanning@bignet.org](mailto:programandplanning@bignet.org).

There is a mandatory requirement for regions that compete in the competition at the national level to provide a regional chaperone. Each region is responsible for assigning primary and alternate chaperones for their contestants who participates in the competition during the Annual BIG National Training Institute.

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*The regional chaperones **MUST** meet the student when he/she exits the airplane and **REMAIN** with the student during his/her entire stay with **BIG**. Final details on chaperone responsibilities will be provided closer to the national competition.*

8. **ALL** entry forms and other documents received after the **July 1, 2016** deadline will not be accepted and will be returned to the region. Regional Council Presidents are asked to forward this information to your regional Oratorical Competition Chair or your Program and Planning Committee Chair. Also, provide the name, phone number, and e-mail address of your TIC Chair to the National Program and Planning Committee Chair at [programandplanning@bignet.org](mailto:programandplanning@bignet.org).

cc: National Board of Directors, National Executive Committee, Regional Council President

9 Attachments:

- 1 2016 TIC Program
- 2 2016 TIC Program Flyer
- 3 2016 TIC Program Entry Form
- 4 2016 TIC Program Brochure
- 5 2016 TIC Program Planning Guide & Rules
- 6 2016 TIC Program Timekeeper Sheet
- 7 2016 TIC Program Judges and Master Score Sheets
- 8 2016 TIC Program Sample Award Certificate
- 9 2016 TIC Program Youth Permission Form
- 10 2016 TIC Program Package Submission Checklist