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### **CELEBRATING BLACK CULTURE – BLACK COACHES & LIFE LESSONS FOR SUCCESS, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021**

**White Plains, NY – February 22, 2021.** Grandpas United and the Lower Hudson My Brother’s Keeper Alliance is sponsoring “Life Lessons for Success” featuring father and son Allan Houston and Wade Houston. This Black History Month Celebration is not only an effort to remember and celebrate Black Basketball Coaches, such as former Georgetown Coach John Thompson and Temple University Basketball Coach John Chaney who passed recently, but to discuss the lessons learned from two men whose lives were centered around basketball.

Wade Houston was one of the first African American basketball players at the University of Louisville. He graduated in 1966 and was inducted into the Louisville Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999. Head coach of the Louisville Male High School men's basketball team in 1975, Houston compiled a 90-12 record while guiding the team to a state championship. He returned to the University of Louisville in 1976 to become the first African American assistant men's basketball coach. In 1989 he became head coach at the University of Tennessee, the first African American head coach in the Southeastern Conference. Houston compiled a 65-90 record over his five years at Tennessee. Former New York Knicks basketball star Allan Houston, Special Assistant to the New York Knicks General Manager, will also be part of the evening. Allan Houston is also the CEO of the Allan Houston Legacy Foundation. Through a mentoring initiative and hands-on workshops, the FISLL Project engages youth in guided dialogue and structured activities designed to build trust, teach valuable life skills, enhance spiritual growth and define success.

The Lower Hudson My Brother’s Keeper Alliance is comprised of twelve community partners throughout the Lower Hudson region. Their mission is to improve the outcome for boys and young men of color. Grandpas United are retired grandpas who seek to improve the community and make a difference in a child life.

The program will be held via ZOOM. For more information, contact the White Plains Youth Bureau, 914-422-1378.

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