

DeShawn Stevenson Kicks Off "Real Talk with the Wizards"

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Washington Wizards guard DeShawn Stevenson hosted the first session in the “Real Talk with the Wizards” roundtable discussion series with young men from Youth Entrepreneurial Services, KIAMSHA Empowerment Organization, and Woodland Terrace Community. The event took place after the Washington Wizards defeated the Utah Jazz on January 15th, 2007 at Verizon Center.

“Real Talk with the Wizards” is a series of roundtable discussions aimed at engaging youth to think beyond their circumstances and to understand that opportunities for success are still available.

These discussions will be led by Washington Wizards athletes and front office personnel. The Wizards will host Real Talk discussions monthly, featuring a variety of different topics, players, front office personnel and special guests.

“I am honored to be the one to launch this program,” said Stevenson. “This program offers youth the opportunity to speak out about the everyday issues that they may face, and believe it or not, that I may face.”

The first discussion in the series will focus on the topic “stereotypes”. It was inspired by the following excerpt from Dr. Martin Luther King’s famous “I Have A Dream” speech. “I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.”