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Carl Anthony Payne to speak at city's "Back-to-School Blast"

Actor, producer, and director Carl Anthony Payne will be the guest speaker of a "Back-to-School Blast" event sponsored by the City of Anniston, the Agency for Substance Abuse Prevention, and the Anniston Housing Authority.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 24 at Carver Community Center.

Payne, mostly known for his role as "Cole" on the hit TV series "Martin," will not only deliver an official welcome for the beginning of the new school year, but will also provide some inspiration for students to perform to the best of their abilities in the classroom.

"We want this program to motivate our youth to go back to school energetic and willing to do the best they can in their studies," said Councilman Seyram Selase. "We want to make sure we thank Carl Anthony Payne for his willingness to participate."

City Parks and Recreation Director Steven Folks said that the event was able to come together through a collaborative effort with the Anniston Housing Authority and the Agency for Substance Abuse Prevention in order to give local students a fun and motivational day before heading back to school.

The event will also include a day camp talent show, free swimming activities, fun games and kiddie rides, and a fitness class for both adults and children. Carver Community Center is located at 720 West 14th Street, Anniston, AL 36201.



The City of Anniston

Nicknamed “The Model City” by founders Samuel Noble and General Daniel Tyler, the city of Anniston is the commercial and industrial center of Calhoun County. The city was incorporated in 1883 and is located in the Appalachian foothills of Alabama, providing an array of living options, business opportunities, and recreational activities such as biking on the Chief Ladiga Trail and visiting the Anniston Museum of Natural History. For more information about the City of Anniston, visit anniston.al.gov.