



# C.H.A.M.P.S. MALE MENTORING PROGRAM MEET THE FOUNDER BIO



*VONDALE E. SINGLETON, SR*

Vondale Eugene Singleton Sr. was born on the Southside of Chicago. After overcoming the death of his mother due to crack-cocaine, an incarcerated father throughout high-school, and the negative influences of the Ida B. Wells Housing projects he beat the odds becoming a first-generation college student earning his Bachelors of Science Degree in Elementary Education and his Master's Degree in Marital and Family Therapy from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, OK. He credits his mentor, Steven Robertson, as the mentor who invested sacrificially, both his time and resources to help him become the man he is today.



The last 15 years he has worked as an advocate in primary, secondary, and higher education, as both a teacher and administrator. He believes that "salvation plus education is an unbeatable combination." He started C.H.A.M.P.S. for young men in an effort to mentor young men with similar circumstances. He helped organize the Award Winning Music Video at the White House Film Festival, which landed the C.H.A.M.P.S. a visit to the White House with President Obama.



Vondale has won numerous awards and received many recognitions for his work with C.H.A.M.P.S. He was recently named the 2017 "Father of the Year" for the State of Illinois by the Illinois Fatherhood Initiative, and most recently a Walmart Community Playmaker through the coveted Chicago Blackhawks. He is married to his College sweetheart, Dr. Patrina Singleton. They reside in Chicago, IL with their two beautiful children, Promise Singleton (8), and Vondale E. Singleton, Jr, (4).

