

Hello Wrestling Coaches in Monroe County and Section V:

In order to make young people great, I think you and I share some of the same beliefs as the goals of this camp. We must:

- Counteract youth violence in "The Crescent" of downtown Rochester from the northeast to the southwest
- Raise the child's readiness to re-enter school after summer break as well as getting others caught up for the grade they are entering. Specifically we will teach/ tutor students in Math/ ELA/ and Ethics
- Deter student-athletes from risky behavior, including promiscuity and teen pregnancy
- Counteract obesity in student-athletes and increase physical fitness
- Empower student-athletes to gain their self-esteem, and their ability to set meaningful goals
- Address racial inequality in academics, economics, and athletics
- Beautify and teach pride in the neighborhood that the camp is located in.

I have spoken to many of you about my belief in inner-city kids and how with the proper guidance they can lead productive lives reaching the same success marks as the kids that we coach in our county schools. After years of deliberation I have decided to take action rather than continue to talk. I have resigned as a math teacher at Irondequoit High School and will teach and coach wrestling in the city soon hereafter. Besides this, I took one bolder step. I founded a company called ROC E6, Inc.

ROC E6, Inc is the smooth transition for 100 inner-city kids to go from summer and back to school without skipping a beat in their education. Aside from the three mandatory courses taught by certified teachers, we are going to teach these student-athletes two of the greatest alternative sports around, **Lacrosse and Wrestling**.

Camp is right around the corner and I really need to step up our fundraising efforts. As much as I hate to write about money, I need everyone I know to give a donation of any amount to the camp. My email address and other contacts are above. We can talk about other ways you can help as well. The courses require books and the Sports require equipment. Please check out the website: <u>www.armdrag.com/city/</u> where you can track the fundraising efforts and read more about the focus of the camp. Some of your wrestlers may be able to work the camp and use this as their community service requirement. Believe me; we can make our students great adults too!

Make it a great day,

ROC E6 - "Stand Up For What You Believe In, Even If It Means Standing Alone"