

# 50 Years of Educating and Empowering Students ~ DCCC to Feature Guest Speaker Dr. Ben Carson



Dr. Ben Carson – renowned pediatric neurosurgeon, storyteller, and author – will be the centerpiece of the DCCC 50th anniversary celebration in Davie County as they celebrate 50 years of educating and empowering students.

On Tuesday, October 1, 2013, Dr. Carson will be speaking on “*Pursuing Excellence, for Healthcare, Education, and our Future*” at WinMock at Kinderton in the town of Bermuda Run. DCCC and Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center are co-hosting his visit.

## Success

Dr. Carson on Success: “Success is determined not by whether or not you face obstacles, but by your reaction to them. And if you look at these obstacles as a containing fence, they become your excuse for failure. If you look at them as a hurdle, each one strengthens you for the next.” -Ben Carson, *Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story*

Dr. Carson often speaks and writes inspiringly, about overcoming life’s difficulties which can become a barricade keeping us from our dreams. As a child, he overcame poverty, anger, and poor study habits to fulfill his dream of being a physician. He credits his mother with teaching him how to work hard when everyone else around him was playing. He attributes his present dedication to learning, to the fact that she required reading and essays from him regularly. She simply decided that he would have the education that she lacked.

## Education

He soon found that reading books fired his imagination and taught him how much there was in the world to learn. In spite of the odds, Ben Carson labored to become a well-educated and much honored surgeon who has accomplished amazing things in his field.

The thread of a theme can be seen in his various writings and heard when he speaks. It is that the choices we make every day will affect the course our lives take. We must determine that our disadvantages will not define us and our misfortunes will not hinder us from reaching our goals.

“Here is the treasure chest of the world – the public library, or a bookstore.” — Ben Carson, *Think Big: Unleashing Your Potential for Excellence*

## Service

Dr. Carson is a true role model who lives to give back to others. In his writing, he has shared with the world the philosophy that has helped him overcome great difficulty and accomplish incredible things. Although he has experienced personal success, he is compassionate and humanitarian. He is continually striving to share his knowledge as a teacher, to pass on his inspiration through his writings and to pass on his love for knowledge through his scholarship programs and through funding *Carson Reading Rooms*.

“Successful people don’t have fewer problems. They have determined that nothing will stop them from going forward.” – Ben Carson, Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story

**There is a waiting list for this sold out event**

This event is sold out. To place your name in the waiting list you may call DCCC at 336-224-4680 or visit their website at <http://www.dccc50.org/>.

Thank you and congratulations to DCCC, the Community College of Davie and Davidson Counties for 50 years of educating and empowering students!