# Mid-Columbia Leadership Development Association January 16, 2020 Meeting

#### **NOTE LOCATION & TIMES!**

THURSDAY
JANUARY 16, 2020

#### LOCATION:

Double Canyon Winery 8060 Keene Road West Richland, WA

#### TIMES:

5:30 p.m. - Check in/Networking

**6:00 p.m.** - Dinner and Business

6:30 p.m. - Presentation

#### Cost:

Free for MCLDA Members

\$20 - ASQ Members and Guests

\$5 - Presentation only

(cash, check or credit card)

Reservations are due January 9. Click here to RSVP, or call 225-572-7188.

**Note:** No shows may be billed unless cancelled 48 hours in advance.

For more information about MCLDA and other upcoming events, click here.

**Note:** Michael's book will be available for purchase (\$20) and signing at the meeting.

## Leadership Mindset: Being an Effective Leader





### Michael Benjamin

Author, Speaker, Financial Coach, Chemical Engineer, and President, Tri-Cities Chapter of National Society of Black Engineers

"If you're misguided and undecided, knowledge and wisdom can be provided!"

The above quote is just one of the many insights Michael Benjamin will share at the January 16 dinner meeting.

Michael is a young entrepreneur and influencer. Debt-free at 23. A published author at 24. His book, *The Power of Yet* (TPOY), is a fictional, personal development book about a young teen figuring out where her puzzle piece should be placed in life. It addresses the importance and effect of adopting a growth mindset, while teaching financial literacy that should be taught in the educational space early on.

Leadership, communications, teamwork and the importance of life-long learning all play important roles in effective leadership. It's important to understand that leadership is not just about individuals with "manager" titles – it's something we all do - often on a daily basis in both our work and personal lives.

One of Michael's recent insights came when he led a financial workshop where he discussed the mindset that he operated in and applied to pay off his student loan debt and be free from debt at the age of 23, just a year after graduating from college. During the workshop, he described many of the principles discussed in TPOY. This made him realize that that he can book speaking engagements and lead workshops, using TPOY as a reference for material. The information he shares with others will have the ability to possibly change many lives, whether through shifting one's perspective from a fixed mindset to a growth mindset for their own unique purposes or shifting it in that manner for a very specific purpose (such as paying off student loans).

After writing and publishing his book, Michael feels his journey is just beginning. One of his passions is to use his knowledge, skills and personal experiences to influence and help others.

Join us on January 16 to learn even more!