

What Legacy Will I Leave

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Please allow me to preface this piece by saying that I am honored and privileged to be writing this and am truly grateful that I was asked and considered. As a single mother of a loving, intelligent and kind hearted 17 year old, “they” say women like me are just a statistic and the odds of my success as well as my daughter Iman’s success is like slim to none. Little do “they” know, whoever “they” are, both she and I are blessed by The Most High and His favor see’s us through.

Coming from humble beginnings and growing up without my biological father I can say that I had my share of unbelievable challenges. But through grace and favor and having a determined mother and stepfather (both professors) that set great examples and high standards I turned out pretty great. Now at 41 as an educator myself in the Norwalk Public Schools District I’d like to leave the legacy of having no fear and knowing that through prayer, obedience, discipline and hard work that anything is possible.

For my daughter I’d like to leave the legacy of the LaBorde name as it’s a symbol of strength and it is indeed her destiny to be Dr. Iman LaBorde-Mobley. For my student’s and the community that I serve in Norwalk, I would like to leave the legacy that in all that I have done as an educator and even as a friend to their families, I have done it from my heart with passion, and the deepest sincerity, as God has instructed me to.

For those who know me, they know that I am fighting this fight and running this race to win, I was born into greatness and that greatness comes from within.

**PERSERVERING AND NEVER GIVING UP....NOT THEN,
NOT NOW.....NOT EVER!**