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Motivational speaker meets with Youthful inmates

PEARL – As part of Second Chance Month, the Youthful Offender Unit School welcomed transformational speaker Keidrain Brewster back to the facility.

Brewster delivered a powerful message on accountability, mindset, and activating one's power. He challenged students to look beyond their current circumstances and recognize their ability to change the direction of their lives through intentional thinking and decision-making.

He is living his own words, having been incarcerated in Texas starting at the age of 17, but choosing to change his path from one of pain to purpose.

As with his visit to the YOU in February 2025, his impact didn't stop in the classroom. He also spent time speaking one-on-one and in small groups with students in the housing units, as well as connecting with individuals who have transitioned from the Y.O.U. to other areas in CMCF. Reinforcing growth and change are ongoing journeys.

Shaniece H. Mabry, education director of the Youthful Offender Unit School, expressed her appreciation for the message and its impact on students.

"This was more than just a presentation; it was a call to action for our students," said Mabry. "Mr. Brewster challenged them to take accountability and to truly examine their mindset.

These are the types of messages our students need to hear as they work toward becoming productive and successful individuals."

Director Derrick Chambers said Brewster drew on his own life experiences. "He spoke directly to the realities our youth face, challenging them to take ownership of their actions while recognizing the potential within themselves to change the trajectory of their lives," Chambers said.

Aside from focusing on mindset, Brewster also encouraged the youth to be mindful of the company they keep, "the way they treat their families, and the standards they set for themselves," Chambers said.

In addition to Brewster, the Youthful Offender Unit School has planned several activities throughout April to support student development, including an upcoming leadership forum and a connections fair to introduce students to resources for their transition.

"Second Chance Month is about creating opportunities for growth and change," Mabry said. "I believe in our students. I believe in their ability to grow, to change, and to succeed," she added. "Our role is to guide them, challenge them, and give them the opportunity to become who they were meant to be."