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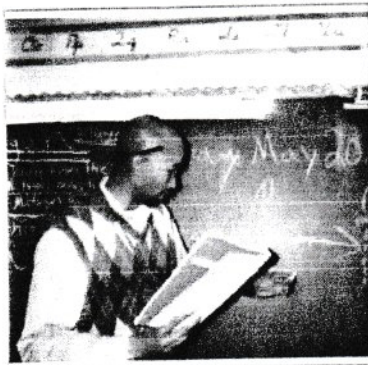
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BSO Interview: Detroit Teacher Marcus Davenport Documents Local Athlete's Struggle in Film

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Not often do you find teachers who are passionate about their work and give as much of themselves as Marcus Davenport has. Davenport is a teacher in the Detroit Public School system who also finds time to produce films on the positive aspects of Michigan life.

I had the chance to interview Davenport about the documentaries he's done, including "Flint Star" and the one he is working on now, "Life in the League." "Flint Star" is a documentary that chronicles the struggle for aspiring ballers to make it big in Flint, Michigan. "Life in the League" will do the same for aspiring football players from the same area.

Davenport once spent \$40,000 of his own money to produce a documentary because he felt it was a story that needed to be told. He has been featured on many different media outlets and is looking to make an impact on not just the Michigan area, but every city in America.

Read the interview below:

What motivates you to continue towards your dream?

My major motivation is family. Last year I was blessed enough to donate a kidney to my mother and I thank God daily that the operation was a success and that she has a chance to live a happy and productive life. My father suffered a heart attack three years ago and he is getting stronger every day. So, I am constantly motivated to be able to provide a comfortable life for both of my parents.

In addition, I am a newlywed and I am extremely motivated by the desire to have kids and raise a family. I want to provide an awesome life for my wife and future kids. My wife Latresha keeps me motivated because she has stated that we will not have three children unless I can earn enough money to send all three of them to college.