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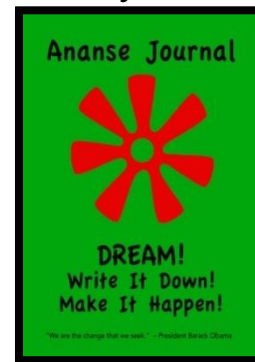
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## **Ananse Journal Release and Tell Your Story Symposium**

(Dallas, TX) The *Ananse Journal* by Patrick M. Oliver is a writing project for boys and young men to engage in self-exploration, examination of ideas, pursuit of personal aspirations, writing strategies, and the art of storytelling. The project will also prepare them to take full advantage of the changing dynamics of education, the 21<sup>st</sup> century workplace and future entrepreneurship opportunities.

On Saturday, December 7, 2019 the *Ananse Journal* will be released with a series of activities that will include poet, author and English professor Dr. Tony Medina, family psychiatrist Dr. Gilbert Parks, radio station owner Paul M. Porter and tour of The Kinsey African-American Art and History Collection. The journal release and **Tell Your Story Symposium** will be held at the African-American Museum, 3536 Grand Ave, Dallas, TX 75210 from 1pm to 4pm CST. **The activities are free and open to the public.**

**The schedule of activities is as follows:**

**1:00 p.m. CST** Meet and Greet and tour of The Kinsey African-American Art and History Collection

**1:30 pm CST Developing Writing Programs for Young People** with Patrick M. Oliver, creator *Ananse Journal*, editor *Turn the Page* and *You Don't Stop* and contributor *Open the Door: How to Excite Young People About Poetry*.

**2:00 pm CST Panel Discussion: Writing and Telling Your Story**

### **Panelists**

**Dr. Tony Medina**, English professor Howard University, poet and author *I Am Alfonso Jones* and *Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Black Boy*

**Dr. Gilbert Parks**, family psychiatrist and past President elect Black Psychiatrists of America

**Paul Porter**, former BET program director, co-founder RapRehab.com, co-owner and program director at Orlando's The Wire FM 98.5 and author of *Blackout*.

**3:00 pm.** Book signing and networking with the authors.

**3:30 pm CST** Tour of The Kinsey African-American Art and History Collection

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*“Self-reflection leads to self-improvement which is important to the development of young men”- Dr. Gilbert Parks*

The book’s front cover image is the Adinkra symbol **Ananse Ntontan** (spider’s web) which is associated with wisdom, creativity and the complexities of life. Ananse the spider is well-known in African folktales.

For additional information about the Ananse Journal visit:  
<https://www.speakloudly.com/product/ananse-journal/>

The event is co-sponsored in part by the African-American Museum, the South Dallas Tulisoma Book Fair and *Say It Loud!* Readers and Writers.

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