

Muhammad inspires D.C. education 'boom'

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — "I majored in organic chemistry and I've done graduate work in the field, but prior to coming to the Nation of Islam, my direction was confused," declared Sister Ruby 3X, a graduate of Hampton Institute of Virginia.

"I HAD SPENT years in study and research in this science and kept abreast of the latest developments, but when I accepted Islam and walked into a Muslim kitchen, I was astounded. I witnessed the sisters pour off hot liquids onto

a stainless steel cooking utensil, into a glass bowl, and I thought, 'This is 'Thermodynamics'— the reduction of heat by transfer to an intermediate object.

"I asked the sister how they learned to apply such modern methods to their cooking, and she replied, 'Oh, the Messenger teaches us how to cook and "How To Eat" to live.'"

Sister Ruby's discovery is typical of the hundreds and thousands of students and educators around the country who are now flocking to the Nation of Islam. "I found that the Messenger's wisdom is so

profound. All that I have studied in my years in school is right there in 'How To Eat To Live,' and 'Message To The Black Man' by the Messenger."

BROTHER VINCENT 4X, a sophomore medical student at Howard University, expressed unqualified agreement with Sister Ruby. Having spent 3 years at Ohio State before deciding to switch from veterinary medicine to general medicine, he too was plagued by "indecision."

"I heard Minister Farrakhan in New York City and learned about the hospital that the Messenger was planning to

build, and I knew this was what we needed."

ALSO IN AGREEMENT is Dr. Vivian X, a young practicing oral surgeon at Freeman's Hospital, who accepted Islam upon entering into practice after completing Howard's Dental College in 1971.

"The Messenger's teachings have inspired me to forget about the monetary rewards, but instead seek to be of greater service to Black people.

SISTER JOYCE 1XX is in her final year at Federal City College. Majoring in biological

sciences, she said that since accepting Islam, "I am able to handle almost any course. For instance I thought that I might have trouble with physics, but after Islam, nothing is impossible."

Brother Harvey 2X, a Howard University graduate with a BA in government and economics, talks of his middle-class background: "My father was a dentist and my mother a school teacher— but what the Black professional class must understand is that as long as one of us is in the mud, all are in the mud: the only way for us is to submit and follow the Messenger."