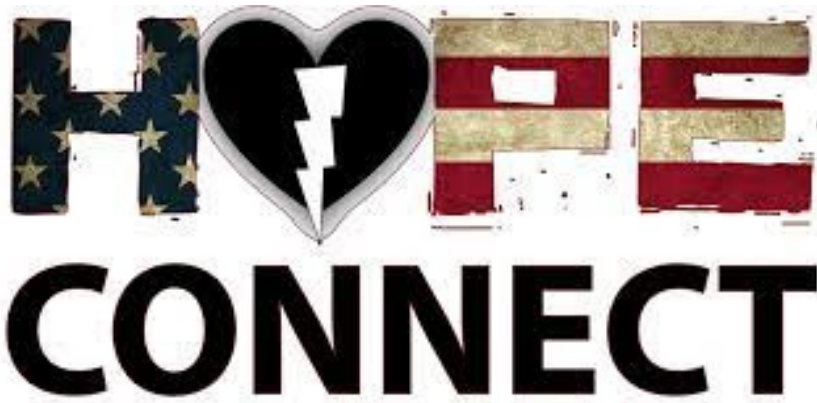


Calvin Dennis bringing Hope to Tallahassee

Tallahassee native giving back to the community is inspiring to others.



Giving back to the community is something that comes natural to Calvin Dennis. Dennis is the executive director and owner of Hope Connect Inc., a non-profit organization in the Tallahassee area.

Founded in 2017, Hope Connect Inc. is an organization dedicated to serving the community through philanthropy and volunteer initiatives.

“The reason why I started Hope connect was in memory of my mother, my teammates and my mentee,” Dennis said. “My mother Laurina, passed of pancreatic cancer in 2007. In 2009, my teammate, Willie passed after he and I were involved in a fatal car accident during spring break. In 2010, my best friend, Maron passed in a car accident and in 2017 my mentee, Cam, passed due to bone cancer.”

Due to all of these events, Dennis decided to turn years of tragedy and pain into something positive and that was the start of Hope Connect Inc.

Since 2017, the non-profit has distinguished itself in the community as a public service organization and has gained a large amount of student participants.

Jillian Henderson, 21, who is a member of Hope Connect Inc., said that the non-profit has given her great opportunities.

“Since joining the organization, I have been able to spearhead events and get real world experience,” Henderson said. “I am looking forward to what Calvin has planned for this year.”

Dennis recently announced via Instagram that Hope Connect has a few new programs scheduled to launch in the near future.

“Over the last five years Hope Connect Inc. has grown exponentially and in 2022 we will be launching a new program to support the community and student population,” Dennis said.

Future Plans

HCTV broadcast and production program will be launched March 20. This program will provide college students with working experience and help develop the next generation of TV/ sports broadcasters, entrepreneurs and public relations professionals.

Chloe Dinard, 21, who is a Florida A&M graduate, said she is excited to see how the new Hope Connect Inc. production program is going to play out.

“I have worked with Calvin in the past and I know that he is very passionate about what he does,” Dinard said. “This production program has potential to be something big and I am excited to see how well it does.”

Calvin is bringing Hope to the Tallahassee community while also bringing great opportunities to students. Giving back to the community is important and Hope Connect Inc is doing just that.

Hope Connect Inc. currently has open positions for their new program and is seeking hard working students who are interested in the sports and entertainment industry.

For more information on how to join the organization, visit www.HopeConnect.org or follow on Instagram @hopeconnectu.