

# Calvin Sims Tells the How-Tos For an Escape from Poverty

In a return visit to Bainbridge, author and motivational speaker Calvin Sims of Lithonia inspired students, faculty and community members about the road to success and how to make it through life's obstacles. He gave copies of a book he co-authored, Brother to Brother, Black Men Speak to Young Black Men, to students who attended and is seen here presenting a copy to Bainbridge College faculty member Elizabeth Whaley who arranged his presentation in the Charles H. Kirbo Regional Center at BC.

Sims shared his amazing story of survival, of going from a life of poverty to life as a successful business man who shares his talents with others. Through storytelling Sims shared his success plan in his presentation on *Focus*, addressing “what separates individuals in the corporate world and causes some to thrive and others to settle in mediocrity.”



Ms. Whaley arranged his presentation working with Student Activities Director David Price and Dr. Tonya Strickland, who chairs the Arts and Sciences and the Learning Support divisions at BC. The Nov. 9, 2009, presentation was made possible through a grant that Family Connection applied for and received for two years. The funding is under the Abstinence Education Block Grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services; the grant came through the Children and Youth Coordinating Council.