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HIP-HOP SCIENCE

E=MCsquared, word! Tyraine Ragsdale, a University of Pittsburgh graduate and scientist returns to shed light into the mysteries of science for the students of Fort Pitt Elementary and the communities of Bloomfield and Garfield. Rapper Grand Hank, as he is known professionally, hip hops into town for one performance on Saturday, March 25 at 11:00 a.m. Do not miss this event.

Compare Grand Hank to Pasteur, McCoy, Einstein and other scientists and you are right on the money. It is not so unusual that this intelligent young man is devoting his life to science. However, comparisons end here. Grand Hank uses soul, rhythm and rhyme to clarify the ever-expanding mass of scientific information. Using the aid of a microphone, he sounds out a hearty rap beat to captivate and motivate his audiences.

Reaching the audience through music, Ragsdale gets kids plugged in, stimulating the mind about the wonders of the scientific world. A native of Philadelphia, Ragsdale has been reaching audiences all over the east coast. Foregoing a position at R.W. Johnson Pharmaceutical Research Institute (Johnson & Johnson), Ragsdale is riding high on this unique career in science education.

People have noticed. Ragsdale is featured in the February '95 edition of *Teaching K-12*. The event, sponsored by KFC and Bell Atlantic of Philadelphia, is certain to be a chart topper.—Lane Maggio (IHAD/AmeriCorps)