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EDUCATION

B.S. of Science, Human Services.

University of Phoenix Arizona

M.S. in Psychology with a Concentration in Behavioral Health – University of Phoenix Arizona

Professional Poet - Certified and Approved by the Boston Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture.

EXPERIENCE

**Artistic Activities, Award, Accomplishments and Community Events
AWARDS & HONORS**

July 2017 - Certified Boston Poet approved by the Mayor's office of Arts and Culture and The Boston Planning and Development Agency.

September 2018 - Boston Congolese Gala 2018 Community Service Award Winner for using Arts as a tool promote community activism and building bridges, cultural diversity.

July 2018 - Winner of Ajabu African Awards 2018 - African Youth Engagement Champion

March 2018 Nominated for Best African Community Organizer and Spoken Word Artist by the African New England Awards Association

ARTISTIC ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

JUNE 2016 –1ST BOSTON AFRICAN ARTIST- ENTREPRENEURSHIP EXPO WITH SPECIALGUEST MASSACHUSETTS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT and INTERNATIONAL TRADE, MR. NAM PHAM

January 2017 - COMMUNITY BUILDING THROUGH Performing ARTS - ENTREPRENEURSHIP – ADVOCACY

January 2017 - keynote address speaker and featured artist at Bridgewater International Poetry Festival 2017 in Bridgewater, Virginia

January 2017 - Guest Speaker in front of CHARLIE BAKER, GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS. Mr. Tshitenge's Arts, Advocacy and consultancy work contributed to the signing of the Congo-Conflict Mineral bills signed by Gov. Charlie Baker.

PUBLICATIONS

June 2016 - Thinkprogress.org - Leonard Tshitenge is an American-Congolese poet who uses his writing to advocate for underprivileged Continental Africans and for those who have been impacted by the Congo's two major wars over the past two decades.

July 2016 - Bay State Banner - Arts & Culture. Rise above African Festival celebrates and educates with Congolese American Poet Leonard Tshitenge

February 2017 - Black History Month Keynote Speaker at Canton High School - Leonard Tshitenge, a Congolese poet, and frequent guest speaker in the greater Boston area.
