April 8-9, 2011
4th Annual Black Male Summit

The University of Akron - 302 Buchtel Commons - Akron, 44325
Phone: 330-972-6446
Online Registration: www.uakron.edu/omd/bms
Friday, April 8, 2011

11:30 A.M. -1:30 P.M. Opening Lunch/Keynote
Mr. Tim King, Founder, Urban Prep Academies
Chicago, IL

1:45 – 3:00 P.M. Concurrent Sessions

**Battling Mediocre Culture: The Bell Resource Center and Black Male Achievement**
Staff from the Todd A. Bell National Resource Center on the African American Male at The Ohio State University discuss the elements needed to produce a university culture that promotes success.

**Improving Health Through Education and Action**
Edward Demond Scott, MD and T. Meyers of Summa Health System will discuss opportunities for Black men to take action to reduce local health disparities. Presentation will provide information crucial for maintaining and improving personal health status. Confidential screenings for various medical conditions will be conducted during both days of the Summit.

**The Core Characteristics of African Centered Education Institutions**
John Queener, Ph.D., and Bridgie Ford, Ph.D., will present results of a study of successful African Centered schools.

**Etiquette for Success – Working the Room in Seven Simple Steps**
Hazel Harris Rivera of The Image & Etiquette Institute will provide training in social and business etiquette that may be applied in general life situations.

**Peer Mentoring: A Relational, Yet Strategic, Approach to Encourage Student Success**
Henrique Alvim, Brittani Davis and Jasmine Redd will focus on the efforts of The University of Akron’s Office of Multicultural Development’s Peer Mentoring Services.

**Journey from the East Side of Cleveland to a Successful Career in a Fortune 10 Corporation**
Philip Thompson, Retired IBM Executive and UA alumnus, will share his story of growing up in East Cleveland to his successful career in a Fortune 10 Corporation. Thompson will offer advice to students on how to make the right choices in college, share his thoughts on planning for life after college and discuss issues brought to the attention by the national news highlighting statistics of minority males.
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KISS (Keep It Simple for Students) with Three Educational Life Lines
Clarence Mixon, Ph.D., will present a “roadmap” to help elementary, middle, and high school students understand prepare to succeed at each stage of his academic career.

Lil Wayne, J. Cole, Lupe Fiasco: Do You Know Them? The Art of Working with Black Men
Joe Johnson, Brandi Pritchette of Future 4 Teens in Kalamazoo, MI, will illuminate the pitfalls in providing effective care to African American males. They will offer practical strategies to work more successfully with this population. www.future4teens.com

Creating and Working with a Black Male College Program
Said Sewell, Ph.D., has conducted highly regarded research on African American male college students. He will discuss the steps to developing a holistic program in the university setting.

Leadership and Responsibility of Black Men
Gary Richardson, ACSW, and J. Richard Romaniuk, Ph.D., of the Louis Stokes Cleveland Department of the Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Brecksville, OH, will present information about new HIV prevention programs. Will also discuss how to encourage community members to reach those with risk factors with information and resources.

Becoming the Hero Within our Own Stories: Using Myth to Engage Black Adolescent Males
G. Kwame Scruggs, Ph.D., and Jerry Williams of Alchemy, Inc. will use a mythological story and African drumming to present strategies to develop healthy models of masculinity.

Improving Persistence and Graduation Rates of African American males in Higher Education
Tyrone Wilson, Lavell Harris and Pierre James will examine statistical data on graduation rates of various institutions and discuss ways to help African American male students persist and graduate.
Friday, April 8, 2011
5:00 – 6:30 P.M. Dinner on Your Own
Local Dinning Options Available

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Saturday, April 9, 2011

9:00 – 9:45 A.M. Opening Plenary Session
Joseph White, Ph.D., Professor at the University of California at Irvine (Emeritus)

10:00 – 11:15 A.M. Concurrent Sessions

Rising to the Occasion – African American Male Initiatives at The University of Akron
Fedearia Nicholson and John Queener, Ph.D., of The University of Akron will review strategies implemented at the institution to increase retention and graduation of African American male students.

Rumble Young Man Rumble – A Rite of Passage
Pastor Herman Matherson, Jr., Art Lee and Alan Parker of The House of the Lord will look at eleven measures that introduce young men and their mentors to the requisites of manhood. A model of community engagement that is self-determining, holistic, pro-active and cost effective will be presented.

I'm a Hustler: Making the Best Out of a Bad Situation
Nathan Howell, Desmond Owusu and Nayeli Chavez, Ph.D., of The Chicago School of Professional Psychology in Chicago, IL, will discuss how Black men use various means to overcome the hurdles they often face. What makes one way of overcoming better than another? Why and how can one make it out of the ‘hood, while another makes the best of it?

I'm Ready for the Real World – or Am I? How the Development of Social Networking Skills Can Help Me Advance
Marquitta Minniefield of The Ohio State University will facilitate an open discussion of campus culture based on participant experiences. This session will also discuss emerging social networking trends being utilized by students and recent graduates.

Resilient Young Ladies and Gentlemen Program: Strengthening African American Communities
James Dobbins, Ph.D., of Wright State University and Tiffany Porter of The University of Akron will present a multimodal intervention program called the Resilient Young Ladies and Gentlemen (RTLM) Program, which is based, in part, on systems theory, Community Psychology theory, Cultural Identity theory and the Barbarin Model of Child Emotional Development

A Brother’s Love
Brian Turner, Ph.D., of the University of West Florida will explore how African American men have come to give, receive, understand or misunderstand the concepts of intimacy, love, closeness and connections to others. Participants will have the opportunity to examine health and unhealthy aspects of relationships that impact African American male perceptions, expressions and interpretations of love.

Black Male College Success
Student Developed and Facilitated Session
Members of M.E.N. (Male Excellence Network), a student organization from The University of Akron, will introduce the organization and discuss their mission. They will provide insight into the importance of college attitude, academics and successful networking.
11:30 A.M.-12:45 P.M. Concurrent Sessions

Attendance, Anointing and Action: Involvement and Impact of African American Males in Community Based Churches
Minister Wayne Hoye of the Akron Campus of The Word Church will present a history of Africans in the Bible, cultural roadblocks that prevent or deter African Americans from entering into church settings, and methods that consistently attract, save, educate and empower African American males in both their church and community.

The New Reality: Emotional Intelligence and Its Impact on Your Career and Professional Development
Tommie Lewis of Make It Plan Consulting will present practical tools and methods for managing change and uncertainty. Participants will be guided through career assessments, resume development, and negotiation skills.

Knowing How to Get There
Julius Ponder and Mike Snowden of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., will talk about building the proper personal foundation that will lead to academic and professional success.

Student to Professional: The Search and Transition into Your First Career Opportunity
Mike Johnson, marketing professional and MBA student at The University of Akron, will present information and practical tools to help participants transition from college into their first career opportunity.

There Goes My Baby!
Meichelle and Curtis Gibson of Gibson Consulting Group will facilitate a discussion that will focus on building successful relationships from College Dating 101 and beyond.

Personal Problems to Personal Resilience: Interventions for African American Males
Anthony Bobo, Sr., Ed.S., will provide participants practical approaches to identify, communicate, and address resiliency factors which increase school success for African American males.
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1:00 – 2:30 P.M. Lunch/Keynote
Farrah Gray, Entrepreneur and Business Mogul

2:45 – 4:00 P.M. Concurrent Sessions

Winning Moves to Succeed in Life
Orrin “Checkmate” Hudson, Founder of BE SOMEONE, will use the game of Chess and the “KASH Formula of Success” (Knowledge, Attitude, Skills, Habits) to explore the components of a vibrant life.

Does Black Media Have an Impact on Black Males’ Identity Development and Their Perceptions of Masculinity
Natalie Whitlow, Ph.D. and Jahmil Johnson, a student at Henry Ford Community College, will explore the impact of media on identity and masculinity within the Black male community.

MAN Initiative: The Male Access Network Designed to Empower Males to Succeed in Their Academic Pursuits
Tywan Banks, Kimberly Brazwell, and Joel Nelson of Columbus State Community College will present an entertaining and educational program that will focus on character-building and leadership development.

Career Connections
Meichelle and Curtis Gibson of Gibson Consulting Group will facilitate discussion on the latest trends and tips involved in a successful career search.

Accelerating the Achievement of African American Males
Michael “Chappie” Grice of the Portland (Oregon) African American Leadership Forum will offer participants the opportunity to learn skills in three areas: 1) rigorous educational experience; 2) effective engagement; 3) high-quality relationships.

Wabruda: The African American Men’s Retention and Success Initiative at The University of Illinois
Ramar Henderson, M.S., Southern Illinois University Carbondale and Milo Dodson, M.S., The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will present on a proposed support group that will offer multiple levels of support for Black male students at universities across the nation. Specifically, Wabruda will focus on mentor relationships, educational, psychological, social, and developmental needs of Black men within Universities across the nation.
Networking Reception

Enjoy keynote addresses and concurrent sessions during the Black Male Summit? Interested in talking to presenters and participants from the Summit? Then join us after the closing keynote address for a Networking Reception where you will have the chance to exchange contact information and ideas. We will also raffle off prizes so be sure to bring your business card or contact information!

Date: 04/09/2011
Time: 5:00-6:00 P.M.
Food: Light hors d’oeuvres and refreshments provided