

21 Outstanding Black Males Summits in 21 Cities Across America and One In Tshwane, Botswana on Same Day!!!



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Black Male Achievement Summits

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2011

THE FOLLOWING CITIES HAVE SIGNED ON: 1) Albany, New York, 2) Atlanta, Georgia, 3) Baltimore, Maryland, 4) Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 5) Chicago, Illinois, 6) Cincinnati, Ohio, 7) Jackson, Mississippi, 8) Louisville, Kentucky, 9) Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 10) Newark, New Jersey, 11) New York, New York, 12) Peoria, Illinois, 13) Washington, D.C., 14) Phoenix, Arizona, 15) Omaha, Nebraska, 16) Los Angeles and San Bernardino, California

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Black Star Project and the Open Society Foundations Campaign for Black Male Achievement

The Atlanta Summit Presented by Investment Atlanta Inc. and Edwards Educational Consulting, LLC.



National Black Male Summit Attracts African Participation

The Black Star Project in Chicago in partnership with the Open Society Foundation Campaign for Black Male Achievement in New York has joined to encourage the local sponsorship of Black Male Achievement Summits throughout the country on Saturday, November 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Twenty-Two cities have officially signed on to host Black men gatherings in their respective locations to include Albany, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Phoenix, San Bernardino, Louisville, Atlanta, Baltimore, Newark, Baton Rouge, Omaha, Houston, Jackson (Miss), Detroit, and Washington, D.C.

Respective city summit organizers were notified on November 3 via email that Brother Baba Buntu and his assistant Mr. Pitsi Ragophala will be hosting a summit in Tshwane, Botswana. In his email greeting to brothers in America, Buntu says: "It is indeed encouraging to see the work being done by, for and with African/Black men around the globe. Increasingly, the virtues of responsibility, self-determination and real empowerment are being reclaimed and practically implemented. With this, our families, communities and nations can become what they were meant to be. I salute your work and look forward to engaging further with you about practical ways of collaboration and exchange."

Kenneth Braswell of Fathers Incorporated says of the Tshwane participation that "Our work is a global work and if this isn't an indication of what God is doing, I don't know what is." Fathers Incorporated is the sponsorship of the Black Male Achievement Summit in Albany, New York. The stimulus to implement these planned national sessions were inspired by the work and vision of a retreat held this past September at the Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville, Kentucky. The conference was organized by the Campaign for Black Male Achievement Open Society Foundation. Each city has the option to select from a running series of topics provided by the organizers. Summit building themes include Globalization, Economics, Business Creation, Entrepreneurship, Health, Nutrition and Emotional Wellness, Education, Male-Female Relationships, Strengthening Families, Building Communities, Creating Institutions, Mentoring and Networking, Fatherhood and Father Absence, Spirituality and Faith, History and Culture, or Addressing the Issue of Youth Violence.

"Mentoring Fatherhood – Responsible Fatherhood Training and How it Effects Black Youth" for example will be the morning topic according to Anthony Witherspoon of Investment Atlanta, Inc. who is hosting the gathering in Atlanta with Rory Edwards of Edwards Educational Consulting LLC.. The afternoon session themes will be devoted to "Strengthening Families and Building Communities/ and Making Education a Priority for Black Youth."

In Cincinnati, Ohio, the summit sponsoring body Omega Mentoring Associates as reported by organizer Anthony Jarrell selected the theme "Better to Build Boys than to Mend Men." Willie Hamilton in Omaha, Nebraska shares that his sponsoring group Black Men United is gathering under the theme "Mass Incarceration and Education" and The Hope Project in Phoenix, Arizona according to Marcus Fulton will target "The Black Man's Agenda - Building Black Businesses."

In accordance with noted guidelines under their respective selective themes, each city summit will contribute to a national solution on the issues of Black men; create a local listing of Black male achievement, improvement and action organizations in that city; connect people in its city to local Black male achievement, improvement and action agencies; connect the work of Black male achievement, improvement and action organizations with connected Black male initiative in other cities across American.

Atlanta Summit Report

November 12, 2011

CAMPAIGN FOR BLACK MALE ACHIEVEMENT, IMPROVEMENT AND ACTION SUMMIT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The Atlanta Summit included Scholars, Community Activist, and Youth Development Advocates in discussion with other Organization leaders about the plight of the African American male, particularly youth in this current time. Attendees scrutinize contemporary moments in popular culture and strategize viable solutions that can be implemented to reverse the silent genocide occurring to our young people. Total attendees were 20.

The Atlanta Summit discussed two themes and record three solutions for each theme with the goal of:

- Contribute to a national solution on the issues affecting Black youth and devise three (3) workable solutions for each theme.
- Connect with the work of Black male achievement, improvement and action organizations in other cities across America.
- Connect Black youth with elder Black men and women in positive ways that support their communities.
- Work with Black men locally to improve the health, wellness and living viability of Black children, families and their whole communities.
- Chronicle achievement and improvement of Black youth and Black people in your community and across the country.

The Atlanta Themes and Topics for Summit Discussion/Solution Sessions were:

1. **Morning Workshop Session (a): Mentoring and Responsible Fatherhood Training for Black Youth.**
2. **Afternoon Workshop Session (b): Strengthening Families /Building Communities and Making Education a Priority for Black Youth.**

Atlanta Summit Workshops Agenda Outline

November 12, 2011 9:00am to 3:00pm

Mr. Don Speaks began the morning session with thought provoking discussion about present dilemma facing Black males.

Mr. Speaks is a graduate of Boston University and joined the staff of the President at Morehouse School of Medicine in 2010. His goal is to drive the implementation of the vision of the President of MSM by establishing MSM as a consistent presence in the poor, underprivileged communities adjacent to the school. The MSM is pursuing a “Promise Neighborhood” by bringing healthcare and family support services into the area through a comprehensive collaboration that has become known as the “Atlanta Promise Neighborhood”.

The Afternoon session began with the introduction of Dr. Kevin Henderson-creator of academic software that integrates technology, academics and athletics called “**Teach You Mobile**”.

Solutions and Suggested Actions---- Morning Session Theme #1- Mentoring and Responsible Fatherhood Training for Black Youth.

Solution #1: Improving a Child’s Character via Implementation of Cradle-to-Graduation, In-School and After-School and Summer Academic/Mentorship Program in Community Elementary/Middle and High Schools.

Actions Steps:

- Implement an education module that has components of prevention, intervention, character development, leadership skills development and personal responsibility application for achieving an enhanced value of self, family and community that begins for each child starting from cradle to graduation in their communities as they progress educationally.

Solution #2: Educate Youth via Responsible Fatherhood Training and Family Planning

Actions Steps:

- Addressing out of Wedlock births before it happens (sex education—abstinence education)
- Single parent training (Intervention) to thwart generational poverty
- Demand Accountability from principals, teachers and students
- Require individual responsibility for action taken establishing positive value and principles
- Educate youth about establishing and maintaining quality of life i.e. environmentally, proper nutrition and human wellness
- Ensuring our youth know their WORTH from the day they are born
- Teach youth manhood training(rite of passage)
- Organization Collectiveness--bringing community organizations together that collaboratively work to support youth development.
- Help youth discern what's positive or negative for them personally and socially e.g. music selection and entertainment icons.
- Teach Youth Economic/Finance Education i.e. understanding and managing money and how generational wealth is passed on.

Solution #3: Educating Youth About Our History

Actions Steps:

- Educate youth about family roots--closing the generation gap of loss ancestry

Solutions and Suggested Actions---- Afternoon Workshop Session Theme # 2: Strengthening Families/ Building Communities and Making Education a Priority for Black Youth

Solutions #1: Expand Education Curriculum to fit student learning style to achieve better results by:

Action Steps:

- Employ Character education in school curriculum
- Implement alternative learning programs as oppose to 'status quo' module
- Know the child's passion and help them focus on what they want to become career-wise
- Apply global learning instead of linear learning
Linear Learning - Unimaginative - Developed sequentially from the obvious without in-depth understanding. Rote learning.
Global Learning - Taking all the different aspects of a situation into account. Teaching to the individual's learning modes (listening / hearing, seeing / demonstrating, reading, self – experiencing / practical exercise).
- Apply the Train the Trainer Method that will create peer-to-peer learning relationships.

Solution #2: Include Family and Professional Mentors to Enhance Learning Success

Actions Steps:

- Getting the family involved to motivate students academic success
- Creating road maps/blue prints for success that youth can emulate via mentoring relationships and leadership development
- Teach networking as a tool to expand career opportunities; develop E-Mentoring Program
- Apply use of Technology, specifically cell phones and tablet computers to aid in enhancing and in retention of learning
- Teaching entrepreneurship skills...instead of teaching our children to look for a job; teach them to create a job

Solution #3: Utilize the power of the "VOTE"

Actions Steps:

- Use political activism to achieve educational equality and success
- Register youth to vote at 18 yrs. of age
- Educate youth at early age on how voting can affect social, local and national change.
- Involved and mentor youth in election campaigns to acquire learning experience for future election outcome.