Spring 2007 Colloquium

Educating Maryland’s African American Males: Issues and Promising Practices

In December 2006, the Maryland K-16 Council issued the report of the Task Force on the Education of Maryland’s African American Males. This report contains eighteen (18) specific recommendations and names of logical group or groups who should take the lead in implementing the recommendations. The Institute’s spring 2007 Colloquium series will have speakers and panels address four of the recommendations. Faculty, staff, students, and the entire educational community are invited to attend and participate.

**Session I: February 7, 2007**
Focus on Prevention and Intervention Services from the Task Force Report. Specific recommendation: Provide high quality early care and education to all children.

**Dr. Brenda Jones-Harden**
Associate Professor, Department of Human Development, UMCP

**Dr. Rolf Grafwallner**
Assistant State Superintendent, Early Childhood Development, MSDE

**Dr. Felicia Dehaney**
Sr. Program Associate, National Black Child Development Institute, Washington, DC

**Session II: March 7, 2007**
Focus on In-School Support from the Task Force Report. Specific recommendation: Establish within African-American Majority schools some single-sex classes primarily enrolling students with academic, attendance, and discipline problems.

**Mr. Dwayne Ham**
Counselor, William Wirt Middle School, Prince George’s County Public Schools

**Dr. James I. Scofield**
Principal, Eager Street Academy, Baltimore City

**Victorious Jihad Hall**
Masters candidate at Bowie State University, Prince George’s County

**Session III: March 28, 2007**
Focus on Family and Community Support from the Task Force Report. Specific recommendation: Fund and provide direction for programs in which one-to-one and group mentoring is provided to African-American males. Focus mentor recruitment efforts on African-American men.

**Dr. Courtland Lee**
Professor, Department of Counseling and Personnel Services, UMCP

**Mr. Heber Brown, III**
Manager, Government and Public Policy Maryland Mentoring Project, Baltimore, MD

**Session IV: April 18, 2007**
Focus on High Standards and Academic Opportunity from the Task Force Report. Specific recommendations: Increase the proportion of African American males taking the PSAT in 10th grade and ensure that every public high school offers Advanced Placement (AP) program.

**Dr. Roni Jolley**
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All Colloquium Sessions are 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., in room 0220 Benjamin Building