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Colloquium seeks to promote exemplary practices on Black males in education

Todd A. Bell National Resource Center on the African American Male to co-sponsor event

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Todd Anthony Bell Resource Center on the African American Male will co-convene the 3rd Annual International Colloquium on Black Males in Education with Wisconsin’s Equity & Inclusion Lab at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. The colloquium, co-founded by Dr. Jerlando F. L. Jackson of the University of Wisconsin at Madison and Dr. James L. Moore III, director of the Bell National Resource Center, associate provost for Diversity and Inclusion, and the EHE Distinguished Professor of Urban Education at The Ohio State University, seeks to share exemplary practices and strategies for improving academic outcomes for Black males at every juncture of their education (e.g., elementary, secondary, postsecondary level).

The theme for the Colloquium is “Doing Something Different in the 21st Century: Informed by What Works with Black Males in the New Global Economy” and will provide a forum for education researchers, practitioners, and policymakers to discuss international perspectives and local realities for Black males around the world. It will convene on October 1-4, 2014 at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. Sessions will include topics on school and community partnerships, college success, manhood, literacy development, role modeling and mentorship, and single-gendered schools.

“Dr. Jerlando F. L. Jackson and I are very excited that Morehouse College partnered with us to host the 3rd Annual International Colloquium on Black Males in Education” says Moore. “With the recent unveiling of Obama Administration’s ‘My Brother’s Keeper’s’ initiative, I think having the colloquium on Morehouse campus, one of America’s premiere institutions for educating Black males, is both timely and appropriate.”

Additionally, Colloquium leadership will announce the inaugural class of inductees for the Warrior Awards, given to individuals who have provided longstanding service, commitment, and leadership focused on the challenges impacting Black males in education globally. Ohio State’s own Dr. Mac Stewart, previous vice provost for Diversity and Inclusion, will be honored for his establishment of the Bell National Resource Center.

Colloquium attendees will have the opportunity to fellowship and engage scholars, researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and college students from the world. Attendees will also have the opportunity to view Dr. Martin Luther King's written papers, speeches, and sermons, a body of work spanning from 1944 to 1968. Additionally, they will hear keynote addresses from thought leaders such as Dr. John Silvanus Wilson, Jr., Morehouse president; Dr. Paul Warmington, Senior Lecturer and Deputy Director of the Centre for Research in Race and Education at University of Birmingham (UK); and Dr. Marc Lamont Hill, Distinguished Professor of African American Studies at Morehouse College and BET, CNN, and *Huffington Post* correspondent. Ohio State staff and students scheduled to present are: Dr. Moore, Todd Suddeth (Bell National Resource Center); Dr. David Graham (Student Athlete Support Services Office); Cametreus J. Clardy (Young Scholar Student and Weiler Scholar); Morris R. Council III (Bell Fellow); Dr. Ralph Gardner, III (associate professor in Education & Human Ecology); and Dr. Samuel Hodge (professor in Education & Human Ecology).

About the Bell National Resource Center

Housed in The Ohio State University's Office of Diversity and Inclusion, the Bell National Resource Center has created programming for Black male students at Ohio State that works to increase the success and retention of those students, including its Early Arrival Program, National Black Male Retreat, and Leadership Institute. The center examines and addresses critical issues in society that impact the quality of life for African American males throughout their lifespan. It achieves these objectives by conducting robust research studies and evaluations that inform social policy and theory on African American males and developing research-based programs, models, and initiatives that could be replicated at other institutions. To this end, the Bell National Resource Center expects to serve as a national resource for those individuals interested in learning about best practices and groundbreaking research on African American males.

About the Office of Diversity and Inclusion

The Ohio State University Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI) is one of the oldest and most prominent offices of its kind in the nation. Founded in 1970, for 42 years ODI has supported the recruitment, retention and success of students, faculty and staff who enhance the diversity of The Ohio State University. ODI oversees the Frank W. Hale Jr. Black Cultural Center, the Bell National Resource Center, the American Disability Act program (ADA), the nine-city Young Scholars Program, as well as home to a wide-range of retention, mentoring, scholarship, and access programs.

About The Ohio State University

The Ohio State University is a dynamic community of diverse resources, where opportunity thrives and where individuals transform themselves and the world. Founded in 1870, Ohio State is a world-class public research university and the leading comprehensive teaching and research institution in the state of Ohio. With more than 63,000 students (including 57,000 in Columbus), the Wexner Medical Center, 14 colleges, 80 centers and 175 majors, the university offers its students tremendous breadth and depth of opportunity in the liberal arts, the sciences and the professions.

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