

CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

National Best Practices Conference

Continuing the Journey: Raising Expectations with Black Male Initiatives

On April 27-28, 2009, Chicago State University will host a two-day national conference that will highlight best practices and lesson learned from higher education institutions across the country. Regional and national speakers have been invited to make presentations on their research findings and programs that are underway to address disparities in college attendance among Black males. The following are some of the speakers scheduled to participate over the two-day conference:

- The Honorable Danny K. Davis, U.S. Congressman, 7th Congressional District
- Dr. Andrew Grant-Thomas, The Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, The Ohio State University
- Dr. Terence Mitchell, Chairman, Illinois Task Force on the Condition of the African American Male
- Dr. Wayne Watson, Chancellor, City Colleges of Chicago
- Mr. Clyde El-Amin, President, Kennedy-King College
- Mr. Edmond Gueringer, Outreach Specialist, African American Male Resource Center, Chicago State University
- Mr. Terry Nunn, Deputy Director of Diversity and Outreach, Illinois Board of Higher Education
- Dr. Al Bowman, President, Illinois State University
- Nationally recognized guest speakers for April 27th and April 28th lunch programs.

In FY08, Chicago State University received a grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Predominantly Black Institutions (PBI) Program to strengthen the university's capacity to enhance the educational outcomes of African American males. The project services are helping the University to:

- Establish and conduct activities that will increase the number of African American males in the pipeline for higher education at Chicago State University.
- Create a university setting where African American males can flourish with encouragement, develop and cultivate positive expectations, and be guided and retained toward timely degree completion.
- Conduct assessment activities to identify risk factors, barriers, intervention measures that can negatively affect black males in higher education, and disseminate "best practices."

The University has also established the African American Male Resource Center to address the recruitment, retention and graduation of Black males.

There is a \$35 entrance fee that will cover all events and meals at the conference. (Students who pre-register by Friday, April 17, 2009 will pay a reduced fee of \$15.)

For more information contact the Office of Resource Development at Chicago State University by calling 773.821-2160 or visit us online at www.csu.edu/pbi.