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Subject: African-American Male Community of Practice

Dear Colleagues,

I know for sure that you care about access and achievement for African American male students in higher education, which I very much appreciate. Therefore, I am writing to invite you to join the **African American Male Student Persistence and Success Community of Practice**, sponsored by the International Center for Student Success and Institutional Accountability.

The purpose of this Community of Practice is to bring together educators, administrators, students, and others who are committed to reversing the plight of African American undergraduate men. This community is guided by learning, sharing, and collective problem solving. Through active engagement, community members will hopefully be empowered to become activists and agents for change on behalf of the population for whom the lowest expectations are often held and those placed most at risk and stereotyped most often on college and university campuses. While the illumination of disparities, institutional neglect, and social injustice are essential to the dialogues in which community members engage, also is the sharing of educationally effective practices that have been proven to yield positive outcomes for African American male collegians. Similarly, lessons learned from resilient students who have successfully navigated their ways to and through higher education are welcome. This community is wealthy in its practical and intellectual resources, but additional investments from members are critical for its survival.

In addition to engagement with other concerned colleagues, participation in this community affords you access to downloadable research articles and reports, slides from professional conferences, website links to programs created for African American male collegians across the country, and more. **Membership is free**. Simply click here to sign up: <http://www.icssia.org/communities/cp/login/newuser.cfm>

I look forward to having you join this community. Thanks again for the important work you do on behalf of all students, especially African American men.

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