

A DECADE OF PROGRESS...THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES



10th SYMPOSIUM 2010
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Black Alliance for Educational Options

Anniversary



MARCH 4-6, 2010
HILTON MILWAUKEE CITY CENTER
MILWAUKEE, WI

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AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

Thursday, March 4	
12:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Registration and Join BAEO Now!
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	First Timers Orientation
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Networking
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Opening Ceremony/Reception Hosted by Milwaukee BAEO
Friday, March 5	
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Pilates and Yoga
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Rev. Eddie Edwards Sunrise Prayer Service
7:00 am - 5:30 pm	Registration and Join BAEO Now!
8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Quality Educational Options (QEO) School Visits
9:00 am - 9:45 am	Networking Breakfast
10:00 am - 5:30 pm	Special Features: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cultural Bookstore/Meet the Authors• Rev. Eddie Edwards Prayer and Reflection Room• PowerBreaks Complimentary Massage
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mobilization Strand• High Performing Black-Led Charter Schools Strand• Title II Academic Strand
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Welcome Lunch Dr. Deborah McGriff, Presiding
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm	QEO School Visits Debrief
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Conversation with Board Chair-elect and President
5:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Urban Underground Youth Events
5:30 pm	Dinner on Your Own <i>(see page 36 for Milwaukee Chapter recommendations)</i>

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Saturday, March 6	
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Yoga and Pilates
7:00 am - 4:00 pm	Registration and Join BAEO Now!
7:30 am - 9:30 am	National Board of Directors Meeting
8:00 am - 9:15 am	Networking Breakfast
9:30 am - 10:45 am	Concurrent Sessions
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11:00 am - 12:15 pm	Concurrent Sessions
Noon - 12:30 pm	Networking
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Dialogue with New Members
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Lunch on Your Own <i>(see page 36 for Milwaukee Chapter recommendations)</i>
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Members Only Annual Meeting of the General Membership
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Networking
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Board Chair Dinner Honoring Howard Fuller
9:00 pm - 12:00 am	Host Region 2011 Social Event Hosted by Newark, NJ



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THURSDAY, MARCH 4

NOON - 7:00 PM REGISTRATION AND JOIN BAEO NOW!

Location: 4th floor

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM FIRST TIMERS ORIENTATION

Is this your first Symposium? Do you want to learn more about BAEO and the educational options BAEO supports? In this session first-timer's will receive an overview of the Symposium, the history of BAEO, and the quality overview of the educational options BAEO supports.

PRESENTERS: Howard Fuller (Fuller59h@aol.com) and Deborah McGriff (dmmcgriff@aol.com)

Location: Monarch Ballroom, Upper Lobby

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM NETWORKING

**7:00 PM - 9:00 PM OPENING CEREMONY/
RECEPTION**

Host: Milwaukee Chapter of BAEO

Location: Empire Ballroom, Upper Lobby



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INSTRUCTOR: Diane Davis (rdavis@mindspring.com)

Location: Regency Ballroom, 5th floor

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM REV. EDDIE EDWARDS SUNRISE PRAYER SERVICE

Rise and shine and give God the glory. Feed your spirit for parental choice.

PRESIDING: Revs. Archie Ivy (revalivy@sbcglobal.net) and John McVicker (Pastor@ctkbc.org)

Location: Wright C Ballroom, 4th floor

8:00 AM - 5:30 PM REGISTRATION AND JOIN BAEO NOW!

Location: 4th floor

8:00 AM - NOON QUALITY EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS (QEO) SCHOOL VISITS

A Symposium tradition continues as we tour high performing Black-Led schools. Our goal is to inspire you as you meet educators, students and parents who are pursuing a world-class education. Take notes as you learn through innovative teaching how the achievement gap is being closed and go back to your communities with fresh ideas, solutions and recommendations that enhance the lives of Black children.

Location: Meet at 6th Street Bus Lobby Entrance

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Location: Empire Ballroom, Upper Lobby

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MESSAGE THERAPISTS: Cynthia Lucas and Lillian Pounds
(renew@randrproductions.net)

Location: Miller, 4th floor

10:00 AM-10:30 AM NETWORKING

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Mobilization Strand

Assessing the Political Climate-How to be an Effective Advocate

Participants will discover how to navigate the political process; get the most from your elected officials; understand the ins and outs of working with the legislature; keep the participants/group informed after legislation passed; and, ways to ensure passing legislation remains uncompromised after it passes.

PRESENTERS: Paul Faber (paul.faber@imagineschools.com); Alisha Morgan (alisha.morgan@house.ga.gov); and Leslie Ellison (lesaellison@aol.com)

MODERATOR: Bertha Gilkey-Bonds (Bertha@baeo.org)

Location: Mitchell, 4th floor

Black-Led Charter Schools Strand

How We Got Here: The Importance of Building a Network of High-Performing Black-led Charter Schools

This session will begin a dialogue about accelerating student performance, lifting up best practices, building capacity, leveraging resources and advocating for quality through a network of committed leaders. In discussions about school quality, much of the national attention and resources are increasingly being focused on a very small group of successful Charter School Management Organizations (CMOs), which are shaping the education policy debate. BAEO has identified more than 70 high-performing, Black-led charter schools across the country that are having a significant, positive impact on the lives of children... often with little fanfare or acknowledgment.

FACILITATORS: Kenneth Campbell (kenneth@baeo.org) and Andrea Foggy-Paxton (Andrea.Foggy-Paxton@gatesfoundation.org)

Location: MacArthur, 4th floor

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Title II strand

Using LEGO Robotics for S.T.E.M.

Where are your LEGOS now? While you engage in the hands-on activities of this workshop, you will see how you can use LEGOS along with simple machines to implement the principles of the nation-wide school reform initiative entitled S.T.E.M. – Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics. Participants will receive a packet of digital resources for immediate applications in Title II classes for mathematics and science as well as for applications at home.

PRESENTERS: George Garland (garlandg@matc.edu); Ken Tatum (grampatatum@gmail.com); and Tarence Smith (tarences@yahoo.com)

MODERATOR: Ramona Phillips (drram12@aol.com)

Location: Wright C, 4th floor

Econmania for Financial Success

Econmania helps students develop their financial literacy and values for managing money as future responsible citizens. When students play this hands-on game, they begin to realize that “money really does not grow on trees.” Participants will receive a mini-version of Econmania for use in their Title II math classes as well as other middle and high school classes.

PRESENTERS: La Donna Leazer (lleazer@beam.edisonlearning.com) and Lois Nugent (lnugent@beam.edisonlearning.com)

MODERATOR: ReDonna Rodgers (redonnarod@aol.com)

Location: Walker, 4th floor

NOON-12:30 PM NETWORKING

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM WELCOME LUNCH

PRESIDING: Deborah McGriff (dmmcgriff@aol.com)

Location: Empire Ballroom, Upper Lobby

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2:00 PM-2:30 PM NETWORKING

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Mobilization Strand

Bailey and Sullivan Leadership Institute: Emerging Leaders' Role in Advancing the Movement

Bold, effective leaders of all ages have a critical role to play in the effort to sustain the parental choice movement. But where can we find passionate, able people to lead the effort? How can we identify and recruit new leaders to carry the movement forward? And, what is needed to develop and sustain a pipeline of effective leaders in the parental choice movement? Participants will be encouraged to draw on innovations in technology and social networking to cast a wider net in the process of recruiting and developing this and the next generation's cadre of emerging leaders.

PRESENTERS: Julian Miller (Julian@baeo.org); Sherese Ward (shereseaward@gmail.com); Dawn Chavous (dchavous@pasenate.com); Rodney Hubbard (rodneyhubbard58@aol.com); and Reggie Moore (moore4justice@gmail.com)

MODERATOR: Danielle Smith (Danielle@baeo.org)

Location: Mitchell, 4th floor

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Title II Academic Strand

Literacy Strategies in Content Areas

Effective study in content area classes involves negotiating environmental print and function print, building and refining different vocabularies, and expressing understanding through writing and speaking. Participants will receive a packet of literacy strategies that students in Title II classes as well as other classes can field-test and modify in their content area studies.

PRESENTER: Patricia Ellis (paellis@stritch.edu)

MODERATOR: Monique Bell (bellgrlz@yahoo.com)

Location: Walker, 4th floor

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Black Male Achievement

Participants will receive an overview of BAEO's new national initiative — Parents, Power, and Purpose Advocacy Institute. This session explores how parents, faith based communities, and advocacy initiatives can work together to advance Black Male Achievement in Education. The groundbreaking documentary "Beyond the Bricks" will be shown to demonstrate how the stakeholders play an important role in this initiative.

PRESENTER: Darlene Callands (Darlene@baeo.org), Naryan Leazer (naryanl@aol.com), Ivory Toldson (Itoldson@cbcfinc.org), and Shawn Dove (sdove@sorosny.org)

MODERATOR: Isha James (ihaley@hotmail.com)

Location: Wright C Ballroom, 4th floor

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM QEO SCHOOL VISITS DEBRIEF

After a morning of touring some of the most inspiring, progressive and innovative schools in Milwaukee, participants will return to share lessons learned and best practices shared during their visits from a distinguished panel of educators, administrators, parents and students on what makes their school a quality educational option and how they are preparing the leaders for tomorrow today.

FACILITATOR: Denise Pitchford (edukatr4life@yahoo.com)

Location: Wright AB Ballroom, 4th floor

4:00 PM-4:30 PM NETWORKING

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM CONVERSATION WITH BOARD CHAIR-ELECT AND PRESIDENT

Here's your chance to learn more about BAEO and the ever-changing politics of the parental choice movement. Every year, we set aside time for Symposium participants to have an open question and answer session with the leadership of BAEO. Bring your questions, comments and recommendations.

PRESENTERS: Kevin Chavous (kchavous@sonnenschein.com) and Kenneth Campbell (kenneth@baeo.org)

Location: Wright AB Ballroom, 4th floor

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5:30 PM FREE EVENING/DINNER ON YOUR OWN

Enjoy the night on the town at some of Milwaukee's restaurants and nightclubs. For suggestions see the Around the town pages.

5:30 PM - 10:00 PM REGISTERED SYMPOSIUM YOUTH ONLY

Bring Your "A" Game Film Screening and Discussion

Bring Your "A" Game is a powerful short film featuring influential artists and entrepreneurs such as Sean "Diddy" Combs, Lupe Fiasco, Damon Dash, Cory Booker, Ice Cube and prominent leaders in education including Geoff Canada, Cornel West, and others. The documentary sheds light on the educational crisis impacting Black boys and essentially provides a call to action for Black boys themselves and the community as a whole. Join us for dinner and discussion around this critical topic.

FACILITATOR: Reggie Moore (moore4justice@gmail.com)

Location: Wright C Ballroom, 4th floor

EXPRESS YOURSELF YOUTH RECEPTION

Students are invited to an evening of poetry, music and fun! Come out and experience some of Milwaukee's most talented spoken word artists and share your talents on the mic. Afterwards, stay for the party, hosted by Urban Underground and the Milwaukee Chapter of BAEO. Prizes will be given for outstanding performances. Get here early!

FACILITATOR: Sharelen Moore (sharlenb@yahoo.com)

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INSTRUCTOR: Diane Davis (rdavis76@mindspring.com)

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Location: Oak Room, 5th floor

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Mobilization Strand

Impacting, Protecting and Expanding Parental Choice

Working in concert with our national and local allies, we have successfully mobilized and strengthened our grassroots support systems to impact educational change and empowerment in Black communities in key cities and states throughout the country. Hear from BAEO leaders from Washington, DC, Milwaukee, WI; and Philadelphia, PA, on the tremendous progress we have made and the ongoing struggles we face in the pursuit of enacting, protecting and expanding parental choice.

Receive takeaways from BAEO Board Member Virginia Walden Ford (Gfwalden@aol.com).

PRESENTERS: Jason Fields (Jason.Fields@legis.wisconsin.gov) and Ny'kisha Pettiford (ny'kisha.pettiford@bravohealth.com)

MODERATOR: Darlene Callands (Darlene@baeo.org)

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Black-Led Charter Schools Strand

Performance Management: Tools for Supporting Teachers and Improving Student Outcomes

Across the country, schools and school districts are facing increasing pressure to get better academic results. Successful educational institutions use Performance Management to create evidence that they meet or exceed established standards, as well as their own unique objectives. Armed with sound Performance Management practice, charter school leaders can respond to performance mandates and the demands of stakeholders.

The Friendship Public Charter Schools is the largest Charter Management Organization in Washington, DC. Friendship has developed a solution to manage performance in its schools and is achieving optimal results in student performance and overall organizational effectiveness.

PRESENTER: Donald Hense (dhense@friendshipschools.org)

Location: MacArthur, 4th floor

Title II Academic Strand

Assets for Improving Academic Achievement

Our students' "mental hardware" is constantly seeking to learn. However, students, parents and educators need to build and refine the "mental software" for improving academic achievement. Participants will look at academic achievement from an assets-perspective and will receive a packet of asset-building strategies for improving the academic achievement of students in Title II and other classes.

PRESENTER: Robert Pavlik (r.pavlik@sbcglobal.net)

MODERATOR: Tina-Marie Boyle (boyle@yahoo.com)

Location: Walker, 4th floor

10:45 AM-11:00 AM NETWORKING

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Mobilization Strand

Advocacy: The Power of Our Collective Voice

The promise of a quality education is an important civil and human right that has yet to be fully realized in the American public education system. African Americans are more likely to attend high-poverty schools – that is, public schools where more than 75 percent of students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch – and are less likely to graduate from high school and subsequently attend college at rates lower than any other racial group. This discussion will help identify strategies to use our collective voice to advocate for quality options for all students.

Presenter: Ebony Lee (ebony.lee@gatesfoundation.org)

Moderator: Tracie Craft (tracie@baeo.org)

Location: Mitchell, 4th floor

Black-led Charter Schools Strand

More Money: Strategies and Tactics

The global economic crisis and demands for increased performance requires access to a variety of resources. This panel will provide strategies on how to identify and secure different types of resources available to public charter schools from the government, philanthropic organizations and other resources.

MODERATOR/PRESENTER: Kenneth Campbell
(kenneth@baeo.org)

Location: MacArthur, 4th floor

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The BAEO/Gates Small High School and Hip-Hop Projects

A significant number of African-American students, males in particular, in urban classrooms are disengaged from learning in most urban high schools. The first half of this session will highlight some of the work of students enrolled in BAEO Gates Schools and the second half will highlight one of the many coaching techniques utilized by the BAEO-Gates coaching team to help teachers and advisors reach their students.

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PRESENTERS: Nmuta Jones (nmuta1@gmail.com); and Chris Rolle (chriskazirolle@yahoo.com)

MODERATOR: Isaac L. Ewell (Issac@baeo.org)

Location: Walker, 4th floor

Building Possibilities for Hope

Our students encounter hundreds of negative messages each day; yet, they often surprise their families, friends and teachers with their resilience, hopefulness and creativity. Participants will apply processes for identifying with students' life issues, generating authentic sources of hope, and acting on their goals using literature based on the voices of urban youth. Participants will receive a thumb drive containing strategies for use in Title II reading as well as other classes.

PRESENTER: Lawton Avery Merritt (liljohnnieproductions@yahoo.com)

MODERATOR: Willie Hart (hartpsalm12@aol.com)

Location: Wright A, 4th floor

NOON-12:30 PM NETWORKING

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM DIALOGUE WITH NEW MEMBERS

Join others who share the same passion and beliefs about our children as you. The power of BAEO's membership is widespread and far reaching and you have joined forces with educators, parents, business leaders, clergy and elected officials nationwide to ensure that parents have quality educational options. Come and share your story and learn what you can do as a BAEO member to advance our mission in your local community.

FACILITATORS: Chapter and Mobilization Leaders

Location: Wright C, 4th floor

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12:30 PM – 2:30 PM LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

(For lunch suggestions see the Around the town pages.)

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
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7:00 PM - 8:30 PM BOARD CHAIR DINNER

A Decade of Progress...The Struggle Continues

SPEAKER: Howard Fuller (fuller59h@aol.com)

Location: Crystal Ballroom, 5th floor

**9:00 PM – MIDNIGHT HOST REGION 2011 SOCIAL
EVENT**

The Midwest Mixer DR.B (DRBMixes@aol.com)

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