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Black Alliance for Educational Options
7TH ANNUAL MEETING

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for **CHANGE,**
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WELCOME

Welcome to Symposium 2007: the Seventh Annual Meeting of the Black Alliance for Educational Options! The Symposium is the nation's largest gathering of Black parental choice supporters and their allies.

This year we gather around the theme *Parental Choice Advocates: Fighting for Change, Achieving Results*. You will have a hard time choosing between the great mix of workshops and presentations we have scheduled. We have lined up dynamic speakers and presenters who are knowledgeable about issues related to parental choice, high school graduation, college readiness, leadership development, and organizational management. This quick sampling of events will give you information on what is in store for you.

- ***Quality Educational Options School Tour.*** On Thursday, March 22, spend a morning with some of the most innovative, high performing schools in the city of Philadelphia. Following the visit, tour participants will return to the Marriott for a networking lunch to debrief lessons learned and collect A-HA moments from the day.
- ***Bailey and Sullivan Leadership Institute (BSLI).*** BSLI will offer you tangible skills you can apply to any personal, professional or community setting. Topics offered on Thursday, March 22 will include:
 - o Getting Things Done: Acting on Your Organizational Plans
 - o Leadership Coaching for a Better You
 - o Raising Money in the Community
- ***Sunrise Prayer Service.*** For the first time, Symposium 2007 will feature a Sunrise Prayer Service on Friday, March 23. Early risers will be able to join our most noted clergy leaders for a wake-up call to action for our children.

- ***Welcome Breakfast: Fighting for Change.*** Symposium 2007 proudly brings to center stage BAEO Board Member Dwight Evans, a Pennsylvania Representative and longtime parental choice advocate. As the welcome breakfast keynote speaker, Evans promises to challenge and energize us all with his passionate words and stories of struggle and triumph in the name of our children.
- ***Educators Curriculum Institute.*** For educators who are seeking a professional development opportunity, Symposium 2007 will offer a three-hour curriculum institute on Saturday, March 24. This year we feature Bob Pavlik and the staff of the Institute for the Transformation of Learning, Noah's Ark Preparatory School, and CEO Leadership Academy who specialize in understanding how children learn, and strategies for teaching language arts and critical thinking skills.

Symposium 2007 will inform, inspire, and empower you. When you go home spread the word that when you give parents a choice, you give children a chance.

The Struggle Continues,



Howard Fuller
*Chair of
Board of Directors*



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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

The origins of the Black Alliance for Educational Options (BAEO) was in the hearts and minds of the 150 participants attending the first Symposium on Educational Options for African Americans held in Milwaukee, WI and hosted by the Institute for the Transformation of Learning (ITL) at Marquette University on March 4-6, 1999. The enthusiasm shown at the meeting generated the idea of moving beyond a loose network of people exploring and advocating for parental choice to a national organization. This belief led to the gathering of 50 dedicated and committed Black people at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C., on December 3-5, 1999, for the first organizing meeting of BAEO. The founders adopted the name of the organization, the mission statement and the general principles of the organization.

At a meeting immediately following the Second Annual Symposium, which was again hosted by ITL, about 90 of the 350 people who attended the Symposium attended a post-symposium session to continue organizing BAEO. At this meeting, the first draft of the organization's bylaws was reviewed and the participants elected Dr. Howard Fuller as President of the Board (the title was later changed to Chair of the Board). After the meeting, a 29-member board was formed and met for the first time on June 17, 2000. The organization was officially launched with a press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., on August 24, 2000.

Since its formal launch, BAEO has grown to become the preeminent national organization for Black people who support educational options. BAEO has continued to grow and advance its mission. Since its launch in 2000, BAEO has:

- Located its national office in Washington, D.C.;
- Continued to annually convene an informative, inspiring, and empowering symposium on educational options which have become the largest gathering of parental choice advocates in the country;
- Created the Bailey & Sullivan Leadership Institute to develop the next generation of leaders and advocates for the parental choice movement;
- Developed effective public information strategies to support parental choice initiatives;
- Mobilized the support of Black people to enact, sustain and/or expand parental choice programs;
- Organized chapters and cadres of supporters in cities and states throughout the United States;
- Conducted outreach programs in Milwaukee, Philadelphia and Detroit to inform parents of their rights to Supplementary Educational Services under the No Child Left Behind Act;
- Recruited supporters and influencers who hold a variety of positions in government and private sector organizations; and
- Facilitated the development of three high schools as a part of the Gates Foundation Small High School Initiative with plans to open an additional five schools by 2010.

BAEO is staunch in its belief that parental choice must be an integral part of any serious effort to reform education in America. BAEO firmly believes parental choice programs, which lead to the creation of quality educational options, not only rescue the children who can take advantage of such opportunities but also create powerful incentives for all schools, public and private, to improve. These twin measures of opportunity and improvement provide broad social and economic benefits for the children and families involved and for the entire community.

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Greetings BAEO members, family and friends.

On behalf of the Philadelphia Chapter of BAEO...
Welcome back to the City of Brotherly Love &
Sisterly Affection.

We are honored to have you here for a third year
and we look forward to a successful Symposium
2007 as we continue Fighting for Change and
Achieving Results for our children.

God Bless and enjoy Symposium 2007.



BEHIND SYMPOSIUM 2007

ABOUT BAO

SYMPOSIUM 2007

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

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<i>Gold</i>	<i>(\$1500.00 or \$150/year for 10 years)</i>
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<i>Individual</i>	<i>(\$100.00, \$50.00, or \$25.00 yearly)</i>
<i>Retired</i>	<i>(\$100.00, \$50.00, or \$25.00 yearly)</i>
<i>Student</i>	<i>(\$20.00 or \$10.00 yearly)</i>

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DESK HOURS

Wednesday, March 21st	- 4:00pm to 9:00pm
Thursday, March 22nd	- 9:00am to 9:00pm
Friday, March 23rd	- 9:00am to 9:00pm
Saturday, March 24th	- 9:00am to 9:00pm

*10% discount if paid in full.

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The founding and development of BAEO was blessed by the contributions of many. During this and each Symposia, we celebrate the legacy of Deirdre Lynn Bailey, Reverend Eddie Edwards, Lisa Yvette Sullivan, and John Walton. We hold their beliefs, values and leadership close to our hearts as we all continue the struggle for our children.



**Reverend
Eddie Edwards**
(1936-2004)



**Deirdre Lynn
Bailey**
(1970-2003)




**Lisa Yvette
Sullivan**
(1961-2001)



John Walton
(1946-2005)

THE PROGRAM

A young boy with dark hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and a dark blue tie, is sitting at a desk in a classroom. He has his right arm raised high, and his eyes are closed with a happy expression. In the background, there are stacks of red and blue folders on a shelf, a poster on the wall, and another student is partially visible at a desk. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a classroom environment.

The following pages include detailed information of the Symposium agenda. To view the Agenda-at-a-Glance, open the front cover flap.

Program Note: *Only limited copies of PowerPoint slides and handouts from the concurrent sessions will be available on-site. If you would like additional copies of presentations and/or handouts, please stop by the ACTS, Inc sales table to purchase a recording of an individual session or a full recording of the entire conference. See back cover ad for details. Each CD will include audio recordings of presentations, electronic copies of slides, and handouts in Adobe PDF format.*

8:00AM REGISTRATION OPENS

Location: Franklin A, 4th Floor (Outer Foyer)

8:30AM QUALITY EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS (QEO) SCHOOL TOUR

The QEO School Tours are an annual tradition for Symposia participants. This year we feature quality educational options from Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love. Options represent the full spectrum of educational management and curriculum approaches. Symposium participants, who pre-registered for this event will visit one of the following schools and return for a networking lunch to debrief lessons learned and a-ha moments from the day.

- Blair Christian Academy
- KIPP Philadelphia
- Center School
- Julia Masterman, Jr & Senior High
- Imani Circle Charter School
- Saul Agricultural High School
- Shaw Middle School
- Mastery Charter High School

CHECK IN: Registration II

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST: Salon I-J Foyer, 5th Floor

9:00AM JOIN BAEO NOW! OPENS

Location: Franklin A, 4th Floor (Inner Foyer)

9:30AM BAILEY AND SULLIVAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

This year's BSLI program will offer an array of workshops to meet the needs of local leaders in need of tools and strategies for leading organizations. Following a brief welcome, participants will divide to attend one of the concurrent sessions described below.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST: Salon I-J Foyer, 5th Floor
REGISTRATION AND WELCOME: Salon J, 5th Floor

10:00AM EXHIBIT HALL OPENS

Location: Franklin A, 4th Floor

BSLI CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- ***Getting Things Done: Acting on Your Organizations Plans***

Having a plan for the growth and sustainability of your organization is important, but it is just the beginning. An effective non-profit organization is able to put their plan into action. During this session, you will learn strategies for organizational planning, and best practices for keeping the plan relevant, realistic, and realizable.

TRAINER: Julienne Johnson, Front of the Bus Productions

Location: Room 410, 4th Floor

- ***Coaching for a Better You (Pre-registration Required)***

In coaching groups of five, you will have a chance to review and develop your personal leadership plan. Two professional leadership coaches will meet with participants, and help them to turn their plans into clear action steps. Pre-registration for this BSLI session is required. Only registrants that completed and submitted their leadership plan will be able to take part in a small group coaching session.

Appointments and location for coaching sessions will be distributed during BSLI registration to BSLI participants that pre-registered for this session.

TRAINERS:

- Connie Rose, C. Rose Coaching
- Kelly Lewis, KM Lewis Consulting

- ***Raising Money in the Community***

From local banks, regional grocery stores, and neighbors, it is possible to raise the money you need to support your work. Panelists will share examples of how they were able to raise money by educating local leaders and reaching out to individuals and organizations in the community.

TRAINERS:

- Cheryl Hillen, Alliance for School Choice
- Lesley Searcey, Cornerstone Academy Schools of Alabama
- Joan Jacobs, Independent Consultant

Location: Room 408-409, 4th Floor

NOON BSLI LUNCHEON

Generation Now: Fighting for Change, Achieving Results

LUNCHEON KEYNOTE: Kristian Smith, Higher Achievement Program

Location: Independence Ballroom, 3rd Floor

1:30PM QEO SCHOOL TOUR LUNCHEON DEBRIEF

Box lunches provided. Participants return to share lessons learned and best practices shared during the visits. Time will be allotted for Q&A from the audience.

Location: Salon I, 5th Floor

BSLI CONCURRENT SESSIONS REPEAT

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Location: Room 408-409, 4th Floor



3:30PM **FIRST-TIMER'S ORIENTATION**

Attending the Symposium for the first time can be overwhelming. What is BAEO? What does BAEO support? What can I do to get involved? These are questions first-timer's frequently ask. To get some of these questions answered upfront, this session provides first-timer's with an overview of the Symposium, the history of BAEO, and an overview of the educational options BAEO supports.

PRESENTER:

- Deborah McGriff, Chair of the Symposium Planning Committee
- Howard Fuller, Chair of the Board of Directors
- Raymond Bryant, Chair-Elect of the Board of Directors

Location: Salon J & K, 5th Floor

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

Good food, interesting people, and local entertainment will make this event a great start to the Symposium weekend. You will have lots of time to meet and greet old friends and make new friends as we kick-off the seventh gathering of parental choice advocates who are continuing the struggle for our children all over the country. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Location: Franklin Hall A, 4th Floor

9:00PM **REGISTRATION AND JOIN BAEO NOW! CLOSES**

Location: Franklin Hall A, 4th Floor

7:00AM PILATES AND STRETCHING

Don't want to miss your routine working out? No need to worry, join us for an hour filled of top-notch instruction in Pilates and Stretching.

Location: Salon L, 5th Floor

7:30AM SUNRISE PRAYER SERVICE

Wake-up parental choice advocates and give thanks and praise for a year of work well done for school choice! This session will feature an inspirational message from BAEO national board member, Rev. Dr. Raymond Bryant and the melodious sound of Blair Christian Academy Children's Choir.

FEATURED GUESTS:

- Reverend Raymond W. Bryant, Grant AME Worship Center
- Reverend Vernard Gant, Association of Christian Schools International
- Kocoalouise Pembleton-Smith, Philadelphia BAEO

Location: Salon J, 5th Floor

8:00AM REGISTRATION OPENS

Location: Franklin Hall A, 4th Floor (Outer Foyer)

8:15AM WELCOME BREAKFAST BUFFET OPENS

Location: Salon H Foyer, 5th Floor

9:00AM JOIN BAEO NOW! OPENS

Location: Franklin Hall A, 4th Floor (Inner Foyer)

9:15AM WELCOME BREAKFAST BUFFET CLOSES

Location: Salon H Foyer, 5th Floor

9:30AM WELCOME KEYNOTE ADDRESS: FIGHTING FOR CHANGE

At the local and state level, parental choice advocates are taking their cause to elected officials who may or may not understand that now more than ever our children deserve quality educational options. This year we open with the voice of a policymaker. Symposium 2007 proudly brings to center stage Dwight Evans, Pennsylvania Representative and longtime parental choice advocate.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dwight Evans,
Pennsylvania Representative

Location: Salon G & H, 5th Floor

10:00AM SPECIAL FEATURES OPEN

- Exhibit Hall Opens
Location: Franklin Hall A, 4th Floor
- BAEO Boutique
Location: Franklin Hall A, 4th Floor
- Cyber Café
Location: Room 405, 4th Floor
- Cultural Bookstore
Location: Franklin Hall A, 4th Floor
- Reverend Eddie Edwards Prayer and Reflection Room
Location: Room 401, 4th Floor
- PowerBreaks Complimentary Massage
Location: Franklin Hall A, 4th Floor

11:00AM BAEO READS FEATURING BERNARD GASSAWAY

Bernard Gassaway specializes in creating child-focused learning environments, believes children are limited by adults low expectations, and believes children are empowered when they are respected and trusted. In **Reflections of an Urban High School Principal**, Gassaway reflects on some of his childhood experiences growing up in the streets of Brooklyn, New York. He also describes how he survived the New York City public school system as a student, only to return as a teacher, assistant principal, principal and superintendent.

Location: Salon I, 5th Floor

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- ***Project Graduation: Getting More Black Students to Finish High School***
The statistics state that 50% of black high school students will not graduate from high school this year. However in this session participants will learn how to beat those statistical odds. Participants will hear from educators who are making a difference with assisting black students to graduate from High School in record numbers

MODERATOR: Allen Penn, Black Alliance for Educational Options

PRESENTERS:

- David Jean, High Tech High
- Mark Booker, We Teach and Tutor

Location: Salon K, 5th Floor



- ***Changing Education with Innovation***
 Among the many reforms in education, middle grades reform has become a growing area of study and school redesign across the country. Increasingly districts and charter schools are offering educational options that promote K-8 and 7-12 educational options breaking with the traditional junior high and middle school structures. This session will present the latest academic research, best practices, and innovations in social and academic supports for middle grade students.

MODERATOR: Michelle Nettles, ITL/Quest Initiative

PRESENTERS:

- Lesley Poole, SEED Public Charter School
- Dr. Allen Ruby, Johns Hopkins Talent Development Project

Location: Room 408-409, 4th Floor

- ***Balancing Student Achievement with Teacher Quality***
 How is student achievement related to teacher quality? During this session participants will learn the direct relation of balancing student achievement in the practice of hiring and retaining qualified teachers.

MODERATOR: Tracie Craft, Black Alliance for Educational Options

PRESENTERS:

- Michelle Rhee, New Teachers Project
- Katherine Reed, Edison Schools

Location: Room 411-412, 4th Floor

- ***NCLB: What are Your Rights?***

The No Child Left Behind Act is up for reauthorization this year. Join us as we explore the opportunities and challenges facing the transfer and supplemental educational service provisions of the law. This panel includes leaders working on the frontlines with parents, national advocates, and representatives from the United States Department of Education.

MODERATOR: Terrance Mackey, Conquest Learning

PRESENTERS:

- Dwayne Andrews, Edison Schools
- Kim Shipp, The Shipp Educational Group
- Morgan Brown, US Department of Education

Location: Room 410, 4th Floor

- ***Out of School Time Fills the Gap***

The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation awarded a grant to BAEO to conduct a study to gather information about Black parents' opinions and experiences regarding public after school programs for their children. For the first time, BAEO will present what Black parents had to say about the quality, effectiveness, and availability of quality after school programs.

MODERATOR/PRESENTER:

- Gerard Robinson, Black Alliance for Educational Options

PRESENTER:

- Leslie Fenwick, Howard University School of Education

Location: Salon J, 5th Floor



- ***Board Governance: Managing a Working Board of Directors***

Whether you are managing a community-based organization, a private school, or a charter school, board management is one of the greatest challenges an executive manager faces. Knowing when and how to get the support of your board for fundraising, strategic planning, and advising can be difficult. This session will give you some nuts and bolts strategies for assessing the assets of your board, getting board volunteers to contribute in meaningful ways, and ensure that roles of board and staff are clear.

TRAINER:

- Joey Gustafson, JM Consultant

Location: Room 413, 4th Floor

12:30PM LUNCHEON KEYNOTE

Achieving Results: Educators Leading the Change

It's time to celebrate teachers! The leadership of educators is vital to the transformation of education. This year's luncheon will recognize the contributions of teachers and their impact on student achievement. The keynote speaker for the luncheon is Linda Alston, a public school teacher from Fairview Elementary School in Denver, CO and recipient of the 2006 Kinder Award.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER :

- Linda Alston, Recipient of 2006 Kinder Award

ENTERTAINMENT:

- Blair Christian Academy Children's Choir

Location: Salon G & H, 5th Floor

2:30PM BAO PRESENTS THE HIP HOP PROJECT

Most of the teens that come to the Hip-Hop Project are on the verge of dropping out of high school, are surviving on the streets or have just been released from prison. Hip-hop music is a second language to the kids, its rich poetry and rhetorical power inspiring their creativity and passion. The Hip-Hop Project taps into this passion by bringing students together with professionals in the music industry that help them write, produce, market and distribute their own collective hip-hop album. The proceeds from the album and all the related marketing materials they create, such as music videos, t-shirts and posters, go into a special Scholarship/Enterprise Fund set up for the students.

Come learn about the work of the Hip-Hop Project, and the ways this organization is linking youth culture to education.

Location: Salon I, 5th Floor

2:30PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- ***Opportunity Scholarships and School Vouchers at Work***

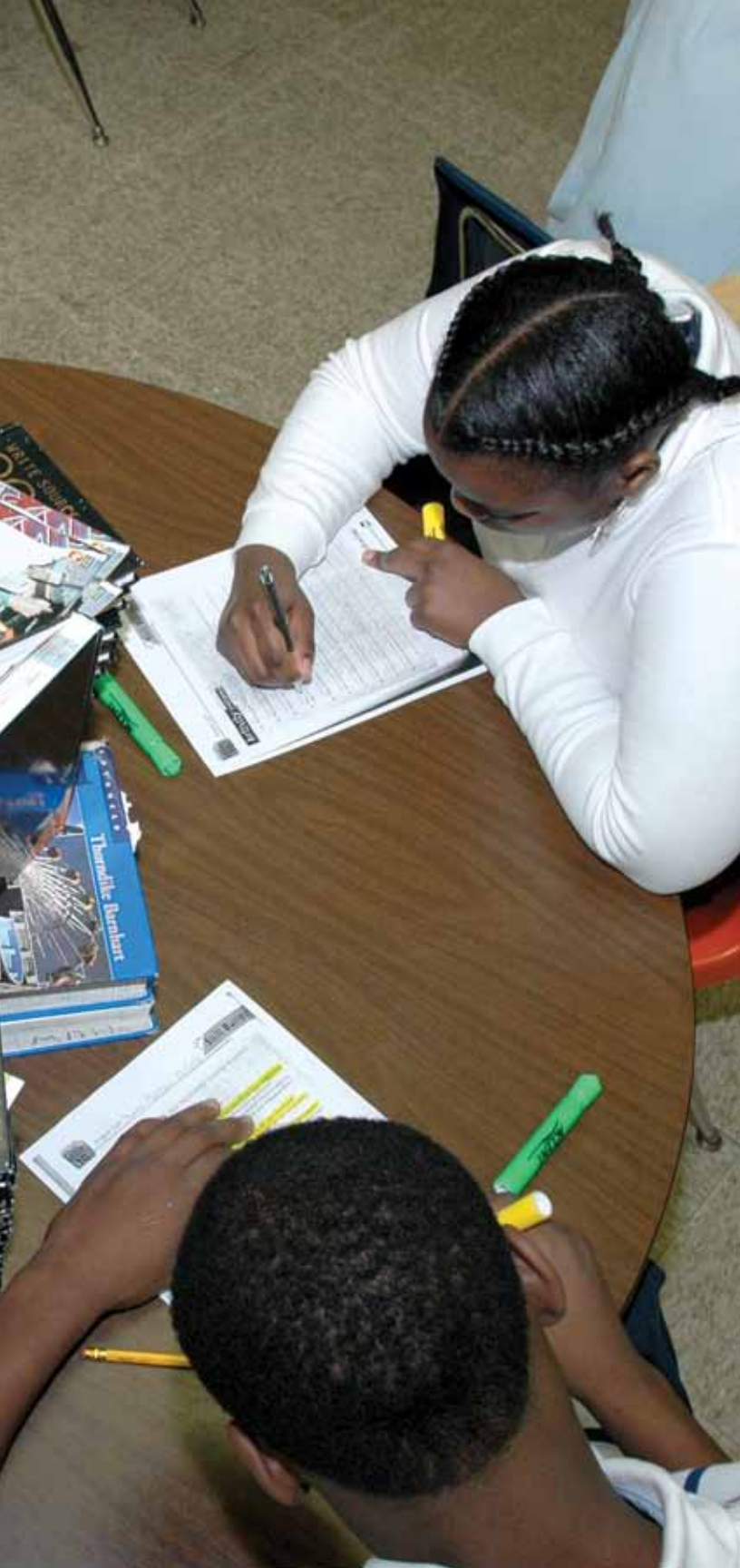
Parents and students share stories of their experiences with opportunity scholarship, voucher programs, and private scholarships. The session will present the opportunities and challenges of expanding the educational options for low income families to include private schools and alternative programs without the barrier of funding.

MODERATOR: Khari Brown, Capital Partners for Education

PRESENTERS:

- Pamela and Carlos Battles, District of Columbia
- Denise Little Johnson and Herbert Little, District of Columbia

Location: Room 410, 4th Floor



- ***Quality Teachers Make a Difference***

Amazing educators are not hard to find. They are all around us. This afternoon take some time to learn from the best and brightest from across the country. Presenters will share teaching techniques and best kept secrets for helping students achieve at the K-5 grade levels in reading and mathematics.

MODERATOR: Thomas Stewart, Symphonic Strategies

PRESENTERS:

- Linda Alston, Fairview Elementary School
- LaTanya Manning, Friendship Public Charter Schools

Location: Salon L, 5th Floor

- ***Making It Into and Out of College***

Are you a high school senior interested in going to college? Are you a parent interested in learning more about the financial aid process? If you answered yes to one of these questions this session is for you! During this session participants will learn how to get into college and how to make the journey to college graduate. In addition to learning how to be successful in college, participants will learn more about financial aid; specifically how to complete federal forms that will assist you in getting the money that is needed to attend college.

MODERATOR: Jackie Joyner-Cissell, Black Alliance for Education Options

PRESENTERS:

- Sheldon Maye, College Summit
- Alicia Jackson MEE Productions, Inc.

Location: Room 411-412, 4th Floor

- ***Enacting, Expanding and Protecting 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 key states throughout the nation's most important and critical Black communities. Hear from BAEO's State leaders on the tremendous progress we have made in Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Pennsylvania as BAEO pursues the enactment, expansion and protection of parental choice.

MODERATOR: Karlena Glenn, Black Alliance for Educational Options

PRESENTERS:

- Tracie Craft, Ohio BAEO
- Bertha Gilkey Bonds, Missouri BAEO
- Darlene Callands Curry and Rick Moses, Philadelphia BAEO
- Chanda Smith, Minnesota BAEO
- Shree Medlock, Louisiana BAEO

Location: Room 408-409, 4th Floor

- ***Fighting for What's Best for Your Child***

The fight for quality education is best led by parents and students who know their rights. In this session, presenters will tell the story of efforts in Washington, DC and Cleveland, OH to organize parents to fight and win battles that increase quality educational options by granting low income families opportunity scholarships.

MODERATOR: Derrell Bradford, Excellent Education for Everyone

PRESENTER:

- Virginia Walden Ford, DC Parents for School Choice and DC BAEO
- Roberta Kitchen, Ohio BAEO

Location: Salon K, 5th Floor

4:00PM CONVERSATION WITH MANAGEMENT TEAM

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:

- Deborah McGriff, Chair of the Symposium Planning Committee
- Howard Fuller, Chair of the Board of Directors
- Raymond Bryant, Chair-Elect of the Board of Directors

Location: Salon J, 5th Floor

4:30PM CYBER CAFÉ COMPUTER TRAINING

During this session, participants will learn the basic properties of the computer. Specific instruction will include learning about internet browsers and creating an e-mail account.

Location: Room 405, 4th Floor

6:00PM EXHIBIT HALL AND SPECIAL FEATURES CLOSE

Location: Franklin Hall A, 4th Floor

6:00PM REGISTRATION CLOSES

Location: Franklin Hall A, 4th Floor (Outer Foyer)

9:00PM JOIN BAEO NOW! CLOSES

Location: Franklin Hall A, 4th Floor (Inner Foyer)

SATURDAY, MARCH 24



7:00AM PILATES AND STRETCHING

Location: Salon L, 5th Floor

7:30AM NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Location: Room 402-403, 4th Floor

9:00AM REGISTRATION AND JOIN BAEO NOW! OPENS

Location: Franklin Hall A (Outer and Inner Foyer)

9:00AM EXHIBIT HALL AND SPECIAL FEATURES OPEN

- Exhibit Hall Opens
Location: Exhibit Hall, 4th Floor
- BAEO Boutique
Location: Exhibit Hall, 4th Floor
- Cyber Café
Location: Room 405, 4th Floor
- Cultural Bookstore
Location: Exhibit Hall, 4th Floor
- Revered Eddie Edwards Prayer and Reflection Room
Location: Room 401, 4th Floor
- PowerBreaks Complimentary Massage
Location: Exhibit Hall, 4th Floor

9:30AM EDUCATORS CURRICULUM INSTITUTE (3 HOUR EXTENDED SESSION)

This session focuses on several categories of key vocabulary essential for improving academic achievement in an urban setting, e.g. Times, Spaces, Actions, Outcomes, Objects, Qualities and People. Participants will learn several teaching and learning strategies for developing deep levels of understanding for the vocabulary within each of these ten categories, e.g. Vocabulary, Interview, Information to Knowledge, Memory Sentence, Storygrams and Ah-Ha Grids.

FEATURED TRAINER: Bob Pavlik, Institute for the Transformation of Learning

CO-TRAINERS:

- Milton Bond, Rufus King High School
- Kanika Burks, Institute for the Transformation of Learning
- Gwen Davis, Noah's Ark Preparatory School
- Kwame Green, CEO Leadership Academy
- Shakita Grant, Noah's Ark Preparatory School
- Lawton Avery Merritt, Lil Johnnie Literacy Campaign
- Denise Pitchford, CEO Leadership Academy
- Scott Weigel, CEO Leadership Academy
- Clara Wright, Noah's Ark Preparatory School

Location: Salon J & K, 5th Floor

9:30AM ENCORE CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- ***Say it with Pride! How to Launch Effective Local Media Campaigns***

Are you interested in getting headlines in the local paper? Have you been able to get your "letters to the editor" posted in the Sunday edition? This panel of media and public relations experts will share with you powerful messages and strategies you can use to create an effective media campaign.

MODERATOR: Kim Turner, Philadelphia BAEO

PRESENTERS:

- Christopher Sample, Philadelphia District Attorney's Office
- Al Porter, Porter Education & Communications Inc.

Location: Room 410, 4th Floor

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- ***Youth and BAEO Taking It to the Next Level*** (3 Hour Extended Session)
Come network with other youth and young adults attending the Symposium! High school and college students are seeking engagement in the parental choice movement. This leadership dialogue will be an opportunity for youth to learn more about BAEO, and to meet other young people who are concerned about the quality of education they are receiving.

FACILITATORS: Youth and BAEO Working Group

Location: Salon I, 5th Floor

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- ***Bridging the Party Divide***
Whether you're a Democrat, Republican or Independent this session is for anyone dedicated to the parental choice movement. Participants will leave with an understanding of the politics of parental choice, and bi-partisan alliances that are being formed to create a bridge for one common goal—quality education for Black children.

MODERATOR: Kevin Chavous, Democrats for Education Reform

PRESENTERS:

- Jason Fields, State of Wisconsin
- Dana Rone, City of Newark

Location: Room 408-410, 4th Floor

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- ***Grassroots Organizing 101***
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MODERATOR: Omar Wasow, BAEO Black Alliance for Education Options

PRESENTERS:

- Bennie Patterson, Technical Assistance & Leadership Center
- David Crowley, Urban Underground

Location: Room 411-412, 4th Floor

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

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- ***BAEO-Gates Small High School Overview***
The goal of the BAEO-Gates Small High School Project is to improve high school and college graduation rates by creating a national network of small high schools across the country. This session will feature school designers, educators and students who are successfully implementing project-based learning in a small, family-like learning environment.

MODERATOR: Isaac Ewell, Black Alliance for Educational Options

PRESENTERS:

- Nmuta Jones, New Media Technology Charter High School
- Tony Simmons, High School for the Recording Arts
- Camilla Greene, National School Reform Faculty

Location: Salon L, 5th Floor



11:00AM ENCORE SESSIONS

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- ***Homeschooling 101***
Black families are increasingly looking to homeschooling as the preferred educational option for their children. If you are currently homeschooling or trying to decide if you should, this session is for you. You will hear from a parent and student about the homeschooling experience, and receive valuable information on where you can go for educational materials and resources to support home-based teaching and learning.

MODERATOR: Andrea Foggy-Paxton, Black Alliance for Educational Options

PRESENTER:

- Joyce Burges, National Black Home Educators
- Eric Burges, National Black Home Educators
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- ***Parent Empowerment 101: Win-Win Relationships with Your Child's Teacher***

Building and maintaining the right relationship between parent, teacher and student is very important. This interactive workshop provides tools and ideas to reach the ultimate goal – helping children EXCEL in school. It is ideal for teachers, school administrators, parents and students.

MODERATOR: Carla Hampton, Louisiana BAEO

PRESENTERS: Shree' Medlock, Louisiana BAEO

Location: Salon L, 5th Floor

12:00PM REGISTRATION CLOSSES

Location: Franklin Hall A, 4th Floor (Outer Foyer)

12:30PM BAEO CAFÉ: APPLYING THE PRINCIPLES FOR QUALITY EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

Grab a boxed lunch and a seat at the roundtables for an overview of the BAEO Quality Principles, and a special plenary session featuring examples from New York and Milwaukee of local agencies using the principles to build accreditation and accountability guidelines for charter schools.

Moderator: Angie Melhado, Melhado Consulting Services, L.L.C.

Panel Presenters:

- Mashea Ashton, New Leaders for New Schools
- Andrea Zayas, New York City Public Schools
- Kenan Grennell, Marquette University
- Cory Thompson, Cardinal Stritch University

Location: Salon G, 5th Floor

2:00PM LEADING BAEO & MEMBERSHIP SESSIONS

- Chapter Leader Meeting

Location: Room 410, 4th Floor

- Dialogue with New Members

Location: Room 411, 4th Floor

- Cyber Café Computer Training:
During this session, participants will learn the basic functionality of search engines and general instruction on application use, such as word processing and creating spreadsheets.

Location: Room 405, 4th Floor

3:30PM ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

For Members Only. This presentation of the BAEO Board of Directors will showcase the organization strategic plan and vision for the future.

Location: Salon H, 5th Floor

4:00PM EXHIBIT HALL AND SPECIAL FEATURES CLOSE

Location: Franklin Hall A, 4th Floor

7:00PM CHAIR OF THE BOARD CLOSING KEYNOTE

- ***The Struggle Continues: Calling All Parental Choice Advocates***

Tonight, we bring together all the faces of BAEO – parents, youth, clergy, elected officials, and educators – to the stage to deliver a message of social justice, empowerment, celebration, and action. The evening will feature performances, special presentations, and the closing address by Howard Fuller.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Howard Fuller, Black Alliance for Educational Options

FEATURED GUEST: Dwight Evans, State of Pennsylvania

ENTERTAINMENT: Imani Education Circle Charter School and Imhotep Institute High School

Location: Salon G & H, 5th Floor

9:30PM SYMPOSIUM 2007 CELEBRATION

Take some time to shake loose the pressures of organizing, mobilizing and educating. Join us for a few hours of great music and dancing. This year's closing celebration will feature jazz, hip hop, and sounds of the Caribbean as we bid farewell to Philadelphia.

- HIP HOP: Salon I-J
- Salsa and Reggae: Salon K
- Jazz and R&B: Salon L

Location: Salon I-L, 5th Floor

EXHIBIT HALL

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Want to take home a souvenir from Symposium 2007? Stop by the BAEO Boutique and choose from an array of BAEO merchandise, such as caps, BAEO bands, t-shirts, sweatshirts and other mementoes.

LOCATION: *Franklin Hall A, 4th Floor*

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Friday, March 17

• 10:00AM – 6:00PM

Saturday, March 18

• 9:00AM – 4:00PM

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CYBER CAFÉ

Want to learn more about computers? Are you missing your e-mail box? Stop by the Cyber Café to access state of the art computers. This year we offer computer-training sessions, such as setting up an e-mail address to understanding basic functions of the computer.

LOCATION: *Room 405, 4th Floor*

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Friday, March 23

- 10:00AM-4PM, *Open to all*
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Saturday, March 24

- 9AM-2PM *Open to All*
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Trainer: Walter Aaron, Duke Health Technology Solutions



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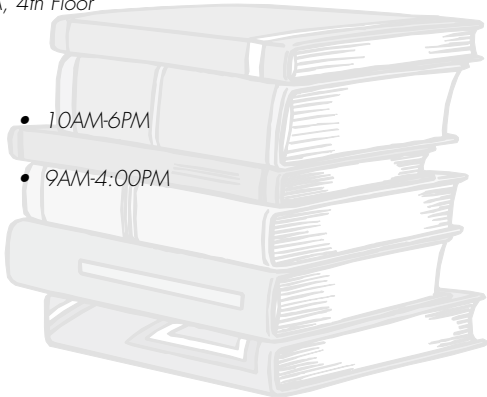
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LOCATION: *Franklin Hall A, 4th Floor*

HOURS OF OPERATION:

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SPECIAL FEATURES

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Need a private space to pray or reflect on the spirit of the movement? No need to look any further. In the memory of parental choice warrior, Reverend Eddie Edwards, we provide you with a quiet place to seek guidance from a higher power.

LOCATION: *Room 401, 4th Floor*

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Friday, March 23 • 10AM-6PM

Saturday March 24 • 9AM-5:30PM

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LOCATION: *Room 407, 4th Floor*

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Friday, March 23rd

- 9AM-1PM: *Seated Massages*
- 1PM-2PM: *Lunch (closed)*
- 2PM-5PM: *Seated Massages*

Saturday, March 24th

- 9AM-1PM: *Seated Massages*
- 1PM-2PM: *Lunch (closed)*
- 2PM-5PM: *Seated Massages*

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Howard Fuller	Lawrence Patrick, Jr.
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Evelyn Jones	

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Sharmain Matlock-Turner	Johnathan Williams
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