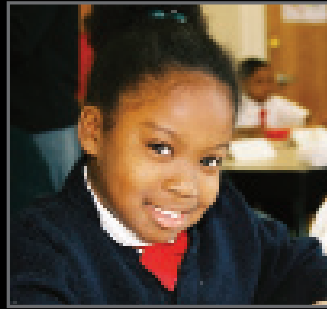


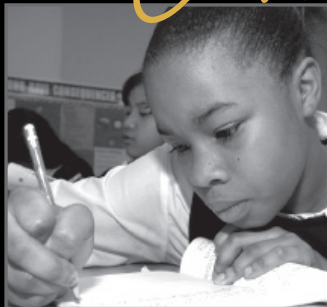
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INTRODUCTION

Dear BAEO Family and Friends,

The 10th Anniversary celebration of the Black Alliance for Educational Options (BAEO) during Symposium 2010 in Milwaukee was one for the record books. Our theme this year, "A Decade of Progress....The Struggle Continues," brought together more than 520 participants —parents, clergy, elected officials, students, educators, emerging leaders and funders to rededicate themselves to our mission to increase access to high-quality educational options for Black children by actively supporting parental choice policies and programs that empower low-income and working class Black families.

As usual, we maintained many of our Symposia traditions, including visits to high performing schools and general sessions that focused on BAEO's priorities in three strands: mobilization, academic strategies for closing the achievement gap and high performing Black-led charter schools.

This year's Symposium had many memorable moments including the cheerleading squad during the Welcome Luncheon, the passing of the BAEO Board Chair gavel from Dr. Howard L. Fuller to Kevin P. Chavous during the annual Chair's Dinner and the special award recognition and tribute to Dr. Deborah M. McGriff, BAEO Founder, Symposium Planning Committee Chair and loyal and devoted BAEO board member and Board Chair of the Milwaukee Chapter of BAEO.

Once again, our Symposium Documentation Report showcases the sessions, activities and reactions from BAEO members, supporters, and allies. It is our hope that you enjoy this 10th Anniversary keepsake as we continue our work to inform, inspire and empower low-income and working class Black families across this nation. We want to know what you think. Send your feedback to events@baeo.org.

Mark your calendars for Symposium 2011: March 3-5, 2011 in Jersey City, NJ at the Hyatt Regency Jersey City Hotel on the Hudson River.

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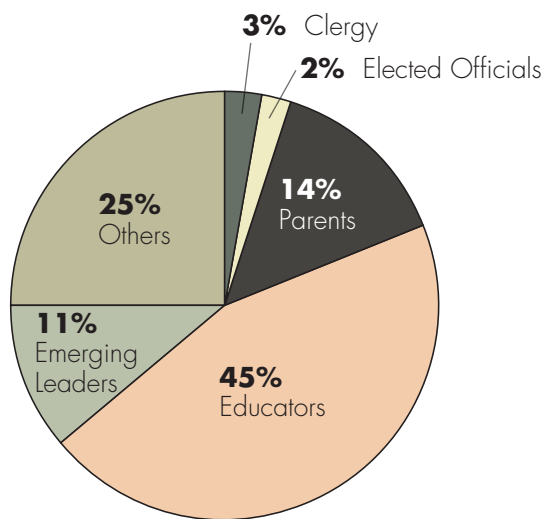
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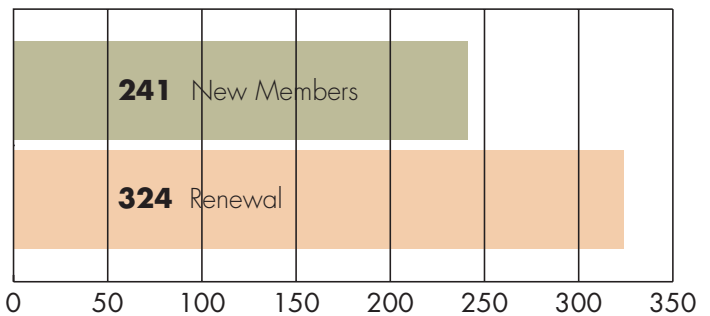
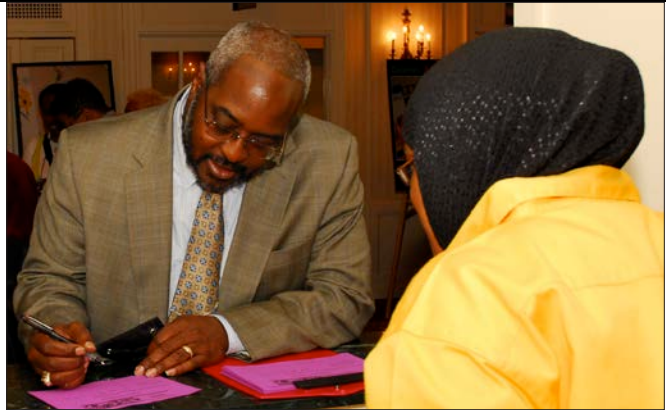
More than 520 members, donors, and allies were at the Tenth Anniversary celebration of the Black Alliance for Educational Options (BAEO) in Milwaukee, WI, the home of the first Symposium in 2000. On hand to welcome participants were Milwaukee Chapter of BAEO (MCBAEO) board members and Milwaukee Common Council President Willie Hines, Jr.



PARTICIPANT PROFILE AND MEMBERSHIP GROWTH



Participant Profile
521 Registered Participants



Membership Growth
New, Renewed and/or Upgraded Memberships

WELCOME LUNCHEON

BAEO congratulates the following Symposium 2010 early bird registration winners:

Grand prize winner
Maxine Johnson
Parent and MO BAEO volunteer
St. Louis, MO

2nd prize winner
Robb Rauh, Principal
Milwaukee College
Prep Academy

3rd prize winner
Reina S. White
9th grader at Sankofa Freedom
Academy in Philadelphia, PA



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MOBILIZATION

Symposium 2010 workshops and general sessions achieved a 85 percent rating of excellent or good with at least 25 percent of participants returning their feedback forms. Comments from participants are included on the following pages.



"Good interaction with panel and audience."

"The question and answer portion of the session was very powerful!"



*"The creativity of the panel was outstanding!
I'm going home empowered!
Thank You!"*



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HIGH PERFORMING BLACK LED CHARTER SCHOOLS

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"This was phenomenal information about various facets of school viability and success."

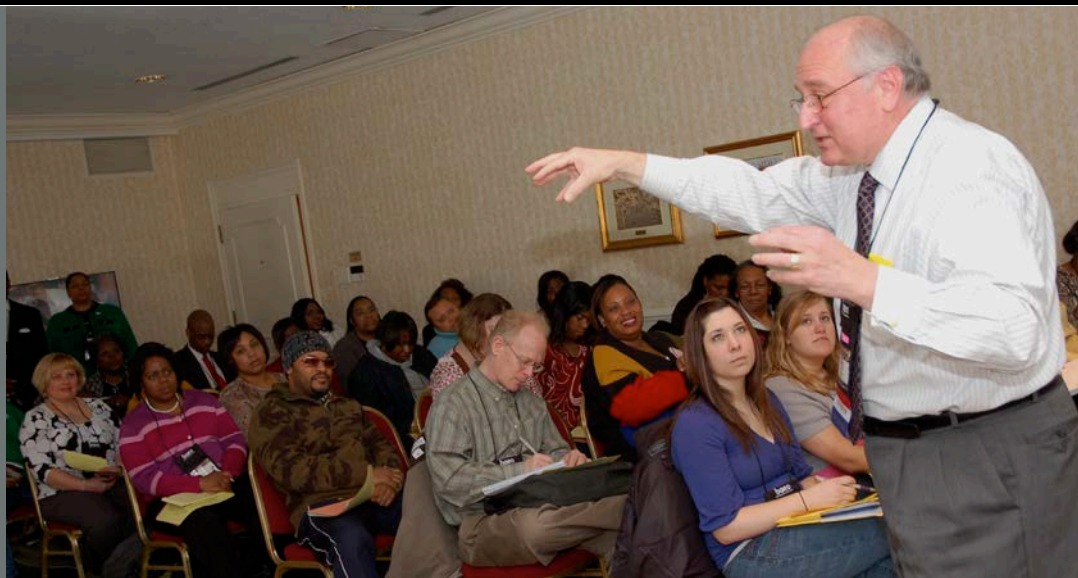


"High quality presentation. Well researched ...engaging."

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

"I thought the topic and method of presentation were very relevant, fresh and energizing."



"Dr. Pavlik's hands-on workshop gave me some good examples on ways to engage children in learning. I look forward to using in the classroom. Loved this workshop!"



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"The student presenters were excellent and very knowledgeable."



"The program session was designed for both the engaged and disengaged student. Excellent strategies!"

"This session was good. It taught me things I didn't know."



CHAIR'S DINNER

From Dr. Howard L. Fuller chocolate bars, the passing of the gavel to the new BAEO Board Chair Kevin P. Chavous to the surprise tribute to Symposium Planning Committee Chair Deborah McGriff the Chair's Dinner was an unforgettable night.



Photo courtesy of Mikel Holt

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Dr. Deborah McGriff, a founder and lifetime member of BAEO, received the 2010 Chair's Outstanding Service Award. To pay homage to her for commitment and dedication to the organization, especially Symposia and leadership of the Milwaukee Chapter during the past ten years a surprise tribute, "Seven Days of Thanks for Her Seven Days of Service," was played out with personal expressions and gratitude by seven women McGriff has worked closely with over the years. Each woman shared what it's like to work with McGriff Sunday-Saturday. "As many know, keeping Symposium secrets from Debbie is not easy," said Fuller before his keynote address, "Pulling off this surprise was the hardest thing I've done. I still can't believe she didn't find out and was actually surprised!"



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SCHOOL TOURS



Keeping with the Symposium tradition, more than 100 BAEO members and friends went on school visits to four high-performing public charter and private schools in Milwaukee. During their visits participants interacted with educators, students and parents. The Symposium Planning Committee extends a special heartfelt thank you to all the participating schools – CEO Leadership Academy, Central City Cyberschool of Milwaukee, Darrell Lynn Hines Academy and Milwaukee College Prep School.



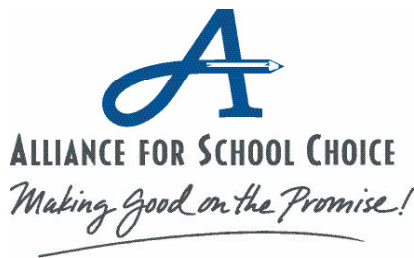
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BAEO always offers something for the mind, body and soul. From prayer and personal reflection, the bookstore and an art exhibit by Ninety-fifth Street students to yoga and PowerBreak's feel good chair massages.



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