

# "What They See Is What They Will Be"

*News from the 100 Black Men of Madison, Inc.*

April 2011



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## April 2011

**7 April 2011**

AAAT Class - Planning for Your Future - Success at Entry Level

**21 April 2011**

Board of Directors Meeting

**27 April 2011**

Building Winners Luncheon

## May 2011

**5 May 2011**

AAAT Class - Roles of Athletics

**12 May 2011**

Executive Committee Teleconference

**14 May 2011**

Mentor and Educator Appreciation Breakfast

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## 1st Annual Educator and Mentor Appreciation Breakfast



Today, within the context of our community, there are few actions more important than the education of African American children. In concert with our Mission and Values, the 100 Black Men of Madison seeks to recognize those educators and mentors who have demonstrated an extraordinary sense of humility and a strong commitment to continual improvement, based upon a fundamental motivation to inspire student success.

On **14 May 2011**, from **8:00-10:00 a.m.** at **Quarles & Brady** (33 E. Main Street, 9th Floor, Madison, WI 53703), the 100 Black Men of Madison will host its first annual **Educator and Mentor Appreciation Breakfast**.



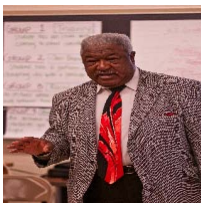
At that event, those who have made positive differences in the lives of our children will be recognized and celebrated.

Please consider nominating an Outstanding Educator and Outstanding Mentor.

Online and hardcopy (PDF) nomination forms are available from the 100 Black Men of Madison website: <http://www.100blackmenmadison.com>.



## African American Achievement Team Celebrates Fourth Year of Operation

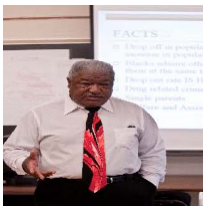


Being a young Black man in the 21st century is difficult. Irrespective of financial means or support from home, Black youth often find themselves in negative and indifferent environments.

Focusing on that fact, the African American Achievement Team (AAAT) takes a clear look at the challenges confronting our young Black men

and endeavors to provide context and insight to the successful negotiations of those abutments. The goal for each youth who participates in the AAAT program is to improve academic skills, promote positive relationships among peers and adults, encourage a positive attitude toward learning and high achievement, improve GPA each semester and graduate with a 2.5 GPA or higher.





Conducted at LaFollette High School in Madison, Wisconsin, the AAAT is actualized in twelve classes taught by successful and committed Black men who share their history and perspective on a variety of topics designed to prepare African American male youth with the mindset and the tools to be successful.

Topics covered include:

- What it means to be a Black male: Challenges and choices facing the young Black male, making good choices/consequences of poor choices;
- Drugs and alcohol: Prevention and intervention;
- STD and AIDS: Health risks and unsafe behaviors;
- Dress and style, hip-hop culture;
- Respect for others (e.g., women, classmates, authority figures);
- Black history: As a source of strength and inspiration;
- Values of the Black community;
- Diversity discussions;
- Career planning: Success at this level and the next
- Role of athletics;
- Are you "acting white" if you get good grades?; and
- Skills needed to succeed in life.

The African American Achievement Team was started in 2007 by Eric Summers and John Milton. The LaFollette liaisons are Michele Olson and Terry Meissen.



## Cherokee Heights Middle School Repeats as Winner of the African American History Challenge Bowl



The 17th Annual African American History Challenge Bowl (AAHCB) was conducted Saturday, 2 April 2011, at the Doyle Administration Building of the Madison Metropolitan School District. This year's winner and repeat champion was the team from Cherokee Heights Middle School.

The 100 Black Men of Madison AAHCB is an educational program designed to enhance the study of African American history. The Challenge Bowl is open to all Madison-area students with the goal to encourage pride, self-worth and an



appreciation of the African American legacy and culture. It is also a challenging and fun way for students to expand their knowledge of African-American history in highly competitive local and national competitions. This seventeen-year partnership has produced two Madison national AAHCB champions in the junior division.



Members of the winning team from Cherokee Heights Middle School will compete in the National African American History Challenge Bowl that will be staged at the 25th Annual Conference of the 100 Black Men of America, 9-12 June 2011, at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in San Francisco, California.

