

BMI Success Network

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Knowledge is Power!

The Black Male Initiative seeks to:

- Increase pride in African American men
- Provide motivation to achieve
- Provide direction on tough issues
- Provide a forum for discussion
- Establish meaningful relationships
- Enhance the educational experiences of African American males

Facts:

- *In the United States, 86% of young Black men graduate from high school.*
- *In Cincinnati, 76.9% of young Black men graduate from their public school system.*
- *Unemployment rate of African American males in the US is 8.5 % (2021 report), but for college dropouts its 18.5%.*
- *Black Student Enrollment is 17,989 in the state of Ohio (2023), However less than 34% graduate*
- *Almost 70% of Black children are born into female, single parent households (2000 Census Report).*
- *In Ohio, 20,988 black men were being held in Ohio prison, which was 47% of all men being held on Ohio prison system.*
- *There were 121,610 or 27% of Black or African American graduates earned 12.1% of all Associate Degree.*
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<https://afro.com/census-bureau-higher-percentage-black-children-live-single-mothers/>

Black Male Initiative (BMI)



In Pursuit of Excellence

What is the BMI?

The BMI was created to increase the retention rate of African American males attending Cincinnati State.

The mission:

- To proactively provide retention strategies to African American male students attending Cincinnati State.
- To assist students in a successful transition through the academic process.
- To assist in the development of African American male students personally, professionally, socially.
- To provide a forum for students to develop leadership skills and embrace their cultural heritage.

Components:

1 Student Development

Provides supplemental enrichment tools in academic and social development skills including:

- Career counseling, academic counseling, and personal counseling interventions
- Goal setting, organizational skills, crisis management, money management, leadership training, conflict resolution, etc.

2 Academic Survival

- Provides opportunity for academic development and serves to motivate students toward the successful completion of their secondary education.
- Provides assistance to students with basic college requirements.

Provides outreach including:

- Basic study skills
- Tutorial services
- Academic counseling and monitoring
- Career guidance
- Scholarship information
- Financial aid counseling and awareness
- Mentoring

3 Networking/Programming

Helping African American males to build a network of support among peers, faculty and staff where they can share common issues and learn to navigate the college system together by providing a time for relationship building through fellowship.

Activities include:

- Monthly forums
- Workshops
- Presentations addressing topics of interest
- Community Engagement

The **BMI Success Network** will work in collaboration with Student Support Services, and academic and student affairs to execute the four components to meet student needs.

Visit these websites for more information on educating and saving black men:

<http://www.blackstarproject.org>

<http://www.schottfoundation.org>

<http://www.ncebc.org/>

<https://100blackmen.org/>

<https://blacktechweek.com/>

To join the BMI Student Organization, contact any member of the BMI Success Network, scan the QR code or BMI@CincinnatiState.edu.

