

# "If One Fails the Community Fails"

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## Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) to view the entire AACCC Calendar of Events.

## Stop the Talk - Fix the Problem

- Part I



For months, discussions in our community, and now around the country, have focused on the published reports expressing Wisconsin as "the Best of the Worst" places in America for African-American youth.

In a 1 April Capital Times article regarding African-American children in our state, the first sentence read, "For African-American children seeking a better future, no state looks worse than Wisconsin."

This article followed the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families' Race to Equity report that identified similar findings in Dane County.

Although much of the information contained in the reports has been known for many, many years by many, many people, the recent reports have been regarded as "groundbreaking."

Elected & appointed officials - and in some cases, wannabe elected or appointed officials - seem obligated to offer opinions, whether asked or not. While dialog concerning these conditions has purpose, discussion without action is useless and in this situation, detrimental. If the only outcome from this "new awareness" is more talk, the much-needed corrective actions will never occur.

Possibly, this is the strategy or the game of some who wield power over others: talk about the situation, **yes**; express outrage concerning the findings, **yes**; make substantive changes, **no way**.

Since the release of the initial report nine months ago, irrespective of all the lip service, very little has changed or been accomplished to right the wrongs

**19 & 21 May**  
Madison College  
Strategic Plan  
Listening Sessions

**21-22 May**  
Play: Buffalo Soldiers  
"The Legacy"

**1-5 June**  
Wisconsin Business  
Management Seminar

**21 June**  
25th Annual  
Juneteenth  
Celebration

**28 July**  
100 Black Men of  
Madison Annual Golf  
Outing

**12 August**  
Wisconsin Attorney  
General Primary  
Election

**7-8 October**  
Opportunities Beyond  
Obstacles

## MISSION

To provide support to positive efforts that are conducted with and on behalf of the

dramatically illustrated in the recent reports and the wrongs that many have known about for years.

The time for discussion must end and substantive corrective actions must begin.

Stop the talk; fix the problem.

Next Issue, Part II

Reality is Reality and Perception is Reality  
*Hiring & Promoting African Americans*

## Madison College Strategic Plan Listening Sessions

*19 & 21 May 2014 - Commercial Avenue Location and Truax Campus*



Dr. Jack Daniels,  
President  
Madison College

President of Madison College, Dr. Jack Daniels, will present the College's strategic plan at two upcoming listening sessions: 19 May at the Commercial Avenue location (2125 Commercial Avenue, Room 108B) and 21 May at the Truax Campus (1701 Wright Street).

The College needs to hear from all groups and communities regarding the plan. Please make every effort to attend one of these orientations.

African American  
Community of Greater  
Madison, Wisconsin;

To establish mutually  
beneficial relationships  
between African  
American  
organizations of  
Greater Madison,  
Wisconsin; and

To establish ongoing  
dialogue concerning  
common issues of the  
African American  
Community of Greater  
Madison, Wisconsin.

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## Reverend Wright Award

*Nominations Due 23 May 2014*

James C. Wright Human Rights Award is presented annually to an individual or organization that shares Reverend Wright's dedication to and compassion for civil and human rights and conducts their daily life consistent with these values.

The awards are bestowed by the City of Madison Equal Opportunities Division (EOD) and the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) at the second City Council meeting in June.

Please see

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/dcr/eoJCWright.cfm>  
for award criteria and nomination form.

For additional information, please contact Annie Weatherby-Flowers,  
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## Wisconsin Business Management Seminar

*1-5 June 2014 - UW-Madison Campus*



The Wisconsin Business Management Seminar (WBMS) is a weeklong conference designed with American ethnic minority, women, veteran, and LGBT (heretofore referenced to as "minority") business owners and executives in mind. The WBMS, a subsidiary of Science and Math for Everyone, Inc., is presented in cooperation with the University of Wisconsin Small Business Development Center. Its purpose is to help minority entrepreneurs become more competitive and successful in the free enterprise system.

This year's Wisconsin Business Management Seminar will be held 1-5 June 2014.

Business theory and practical application are integrated into a core curriculum taught by some of the country's most distinguished business faculty and practitioners. More information about the Wisconsin Business Management Seminar may be gleaned at <http://www.businessmanagementseminar.org>.

Those who wish to register for the WBMS should [click here](#) to visit the online portal.

## 25th Annual Juneteenth Celebration

*21 June 2014 - Penn Park - Madison, WI*



The Madison Juneteenth Celebration will begin at 10:00 a.m. with the Annual Parade, which starts in the Fountain of Life Family Worship Center's parking lot located at 633 West Badger Road and going down Badger Road to Park Street and ending at Penn Park.

This year's theme is "Juneteenth 2014." Juneteenth is a wonderful opportunity to experience the rich history of African

Americans through various forms of entertainment, lectures, visual presentations, food and other activities.

Juneteenth provides the opportunity for your group or agency to reach a significant portion of Madison's African-American community. For more information, visit <http://juneteenthmadison.wordpress.com/>.

## 100 Black Men of Madison Annual Golf Outing

*28 July 2014 - The Legend at Bergamont - Oregon, WI*

The 100 Black Men of Madison cordially invite everyone to join them for a wonderful day of golf on Monday, 28 July 2014, at The Legend at Bergamont in Oregon, Wisconsin.

Gather your friends, family and coworkers and join the 100 for a fun day of golf to support the 100 Black Men of Madison (the 100) as they strive to provide mentorship to our youth in Madison and Dane County!

The Golf Outing format is a four-person best ball scramble. Prizes and awards will be given for the low gross teams, longest drive, closest to the pin, Putting Contest, Hole-in-one opportunities include a new automobile and/or motorcycle, and more. Individuals and teams are welcome!



This golf outing is one of the 100's signature events! This fundraising event helps support all of the 100 Black Men of Madison's endeavors, such as their Youth Mentoring Programs, Backpacks for Success event, scholarship campaigns, and more!

For event information and registration, please [click here](#).

[Click here](#) for sponsorship opportunities.

## Wisconsin Attorney General Election

*Primary Election - 12 August 2014*

The primary election for the post of Wisconsin Attorney General will take place on 12 August 2014. Wisconsin has an open primary system, in which registered voters do not have to be members of a party to vote in that party's primary.



Jon Richards  
State Representative



Ismael Ozanne  
Dane County D.A.



Susan Happ  
Jefferson County D.A.

The general election will take place on 4 November 2014.

For more information, visit  
[http://ballotpedia.org/Wisconsin\\_attorney\\_general\\_election,\\_2014](http://ballotpedia.org/Wisconsin_attorney_general_election,_2014).

## Opportunities Beyond Obstacles

*7-8 October 2014 - UW-Madison Pyle Center*



The Symposium, Opportunities Beyond Obstacles, is dedicated to the education of students whose social or economic circumstances hinder their ability to learn at school.

Sponsored by the Consortium for the Educational Development of Disadvantaged Students (CEDDS), the purpose of this conference is to provide meaningful, best practice information about effectively methods and considerations regarding the education of disadvantaged students.

This conference has been designed for teachers, teacher leaders, teacher mentors, coaches, principals and district personnel. Please send an e-mail to [president@cedds.net](mailto:president@cedds.net) for more information.