

# African American Communication and Collaboration Council (AACCC)

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**November 2011**

## Calendar of Events

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### November 2011

**16 November 2011**  
Bridge Lake Point Mobile Pantry

**18 November 2011**  
African American Male Summit

**19 November 2011**  
2nd Annual High School Spoken Word Poetry Competition "Can You Spit?"

**22 November 2011**  
Adoption of Orchard Ridge Elementary School Reading Program

## MISSION

To provide support to positive efforts that are conducted with and on behalf of the 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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## Christmas Community Celebration in Support of Toys for Tots

The 2011 Christmas Community Celebration in Support of Toys for Tots is a community-driven event supported by the 100 Black Men of Madison, Inc. and the African American Communication and Collaboration Council. In lieu of admission fees, attendees are asked to bring a gift worth \$15 or more to donate to the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program.



The April 2009 Wisconsin Poverty Report, presented by the Institute for Research on Poverty, a unit within the College of Letters and Science at UW-Madison, reported that Madison had a child poverty rate of 20.8% in 2007. Today, Wisconsin continues to see high unemployment rates and shares in the economic crisis felt across the country.

The objectives of the Toys for Tots program are to help less fortunate children experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation's most valuable resources, our children; to unite all members of local communities in a common cause; and to contribute to better communities in the future.

The event is from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at The Edgewater Hotel in Madison, Wisconsin. Refreshments will be served. Sponsorship opportunities are available; [please click here for more information](#).

## Community Spotlight: James Howard, President of the MMSD Board of Education



James Howard, President of the Madison Metropolitan School District Board of Education, is in his second year of service and has been a champion of fairness and equity for the children of our city.

Of the many issues involved in the education of our youth, President Howard has focused on diversity hiring due to its great impact on the drop-out rate, the achievement gap, and expulsions of

children of color.

"The hiring of African American staff at all levels is essential," expresses President Howard. "As of 26 October, the School District has hired 310 teachers and only 8 were African American.

However, a total of 46 teachers of color were hired for the same time period; Houston, we have a problem."

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The National Civil Rights Department has just concluded compiling national statistics that will be used to develop interventions for African American and Latino students.

"To change the culture of poor African American student achievement (48% graduation rate), I believe we must explore the benefits of a more diverse staff of educators by hiring more educators of color."

### **Pay Attention!**

Assembly Bill 286 is an act to repeal statutes relating to permitting an employer to refuse to employ or to bar or terminate from employment an individual who has been convicted of a felony.

The current state fair employment law prohibits discrimination in employment based on arrest or conviction record. This bill specifies that it is not employment discrimination for an employer to refuse to employ or to bar or terminate employment of an individual who has been convicted of a felony and who has not been pardoned for that felony, whether or not the circumstances of the felony substantially relate to the circumstances of the particular job.

Also, under Assembly Bill 286, home rule or the ability for cities or villages to determine its own local affairs, such as compliance or rejection of this law, will not apply. As such, this Bill prohibits any county, city, town or village from adopting any provision that conflicts with this law.



Note, many troubled African American youth, who are charged with an offense and have no money for an attorney nor parental support, plead to a lesser offense to avoid jail time and become felons before they turn twenty years old.

This law, if passed in its current form, would deny many of those youth an opportunity for legitimate employment for the rest of their lives.

### **Get Ready - Voting Laws Have Changed**

Starting in 2012, Wisconsin state law will require voters to show a photo ID before voting. A Wisconsin driver's license, Wisconsin ID card, or passport will suffice, as long as it expires after 2 November 2010 (the last November election). Your ID does not need to show your current address. If you do not have a Wisconsin ID, you may obtain one (free of charge) from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

For more information about the new voting laws visit <http://www.cityofmadison.com/election> or call (608) 266-4601.

The known election schedule is as follows:

- 21 February 2012 - Spring Primary
- 3 April 2012 - Spring Election
- 11 September 2012 - Fall Primary
- 6 November 2012 - Presidential Election



## Community Recognition Luncheon



10 December 2011  
11:30 a.m.  
1313 John Q Hammons Drive  
Marriott Madison West  
Middleton, Wisconsin

The Madison Metropolitan Chapter of Links, Inc. will be holding their 2nd Annual Links Community Recognition Luncheon next month. Social hour starts at 11:30 a.m. and the luncheon at 12:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$45 per person or \$360 for a table of 8.  
(<http://www.madisonlinksinc.org>).

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