

2011 - The Year For Optimal Achievement



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**From Research To Results . . . SAAB Is On The Move . . .
*Saving Lives . . . Salvaging Dreams!***

Firm Foundations

SAAB was founded in 1990 and has grown to more than 200 chapters across college and university campuses; middle and high schools in 39 states in the U.S. **SAAB** operates through student chapters across the nation where young men of color enjoy the privilege of social, cultural and spiritual enrichment.

As **SAAB** celebrates twenty years of dedicated service to student populations, we continue to grow, striving to create relevant experiences for males of color who achieve their dreams in higher education.

We pride ourselves on our chapter leaders and community supporters and hope that you will join the ranks with your dollars and participation. Celebrate with us and become a **SAAB** Supporter Today. www.saabnational.org/donate.

Supporting Partner Highlight

SAAB is proud to announce a recent grant award of \$200,000 from the John S. and John L. Knight Foundation to increase high school graduation rates and college access for high school African American male students.

The Knight Foundation award will support expansion of the **SAAB** network to high schools in Akron, Ohio; Macon, Georgia and Miami, Florida. Two high schools per city will be established over the next 2 years for a total of six high schools with the project.

SAAB is proud to announce a recent administrative grant of \$25,000 from the Lumina Foundation for Education to support the 2011 National Conference to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, April 1-2, at the Hilton Hotel-Downtown. Visit our website at www.saabnational.org for more information about the upcoming conference.

SAAB Data Assessment System

SAAB is undergoing a chapter wide assessment planning period, beginning with a nineteen chapter pilot. To remain effective for our chapter members, we want to ensure that our program is solid and consistent with our mission and our goals.

We have partnered with the **OMG Center for Collaborative Learning** to create

online surveys and a database system to college information on members from a variety of aspects involving their **SAAB** experiences. Hear what is being said by our OMG partners and one of our chapter advisors:

From Tania Tasse-Guillen, Senior Project Manager, OMG Center for Collaborative Learning,



“For the past two years, the OMG Center for Collaborative Learning, a nonprofit research and consulting firm located in Philadelphia, has been working for **SAAB** to develop data collection systems that facilitate **SAAB’s** ability to measure its effectiveness in supporting the college success of men of color. OMG and **SAAB** are currently pilot testing two new online data systems – a student survey and a data tracking system – with a group of 18 pilot chapters. The online survey was developed to measure changes in **SAAB** members’ aspirations, feelings about college, self-esteem, and satisfaction with their **SAAB** experience. The

data tracking system, which is administered by chapter advisors, collects data on members’ academic progress and participation in **SAAB** activities. The pilot test will span the 2010-11 academic year.”

Cheryl Chambers, Associate Dean for Multicultural Affairs and **SAAB** Chapter Advisor at Stony Brook University/ and shares,



“For the longest time we have kept our records manually to produce reports and track information for accountability and determination of effectiveness of our programs. Now, with the **SAAB** data system, we can keep track of our members, their activities, service to the community and other relevant data that makes things so much simpler for us as a chapter here at Stony Brook. In addition, the student survey data gives us qualitative feedback on the **SAAB** experiences of our chapter members.

More information on assessment coming soon.



Chapter News

Brother To Brother Chapters

The **SAAB** organization expresses its ongoing commitment to diversity through **Brother To Brother (B2B) Chapters** that encompass young men who are of African American heritage, as well as Latino and other ethnic backgrounds. B2B Chapters consist of collegiate, middle and high school student participants.

One of our **B2B Chapters** is highlighted by the Des Moines Public Schools System, with SAAB (B2B) chapters located at three of the districts' comprehensive high schools. Pictured are Dr. Tyrone Bledsoe, **SAAB** Founder/CEO with **SAAB (Brother 2 Brother)** Chapter members - Moulton and Callanan Middle Schools ~ Des Moines, Iowa.



For information on starting a **SAAB B2B Chapter**, reach **SAAB** National Headquarters through our website: www.saabnational.org, phone: 419.530.3221, or email info@saabnational.org!

Collegiate Level Chapters

SAAB is proud to announce our newest chapters for the 2010 calendar year:

- Tidewater Community College (Norfolk, VA)
- Tidewater Community College (Virginia Beach)
- Minneapolis Community and Technical College (Minneapolis, MN)
- Owens Community College (Rossford, OH)
- Kennesaw State University (Kennesaw GA)

Chapter Advisor Note

Welcome new **SAAB** chapter advisors and leaders! We encourage you to communicate with us and from chapter to chapter.

To continuing **SAAB** chapter advisors and leadership teams, we express our warmest appreciation for your support and commitment to the cause of persistence and retention of men of color.

Articles, News and Events

ABFE News and Updates, September 2010 – Special Issue.

ABFE's Black Men and Boys Initiative: An update on what philanthropy is doing to improve life outcomes for Black men and boys. Read the interview with Shawn Dove and contributions from Tina Gridiron Smith, George Garrow and Carmen A. Anderson for insight and perspective on the movement in philanthropy.

SAAB is cited in an interview done with Tina Gridiron Smith for a Special Issue of ABFE's Black Men and Boys Initiative, September 2010.

Ms. Gridiron Smith was asked for her insight and perspective on the movement in philanthropy and asked “What are the strategies that are working in your work around Black men and boys?; What are the successes and challenges?; and How can philanthropy be more effective in improving life outcomes for Black men and boys?”



What are the strategies that are working in your work around Black men and boys? What are the successes and challenges? How can philanthropy be more effective in improving life outcomes for Black men and boys?

Lumina Foundation has invested in several education projects that are promising models of what is working in the field to increase the higher education success of Black males. *Read the full story at:*

<http://saabnational.org/news/ABFE.htm>



Special Series: The State of Education for Males of Color



New Report "**Yes We Can**" Shows America's Public Schools Fail Over Half the Nation's Black Male Students. Schott Foundation Releases Read full Schott 50 State Report.

A Call for Change: The Social and Educational Factors Contributing to the Outcomes of Black Males in Urban Schools.



Black Male Achievement in America Reveals 'A National Catastrophe.' Urban School Group Calls for White House Initiative.

"Bring Your *A* Game" Through the work of Dr. Tyrone Bledsoe with the National Council on Black American Affairs.



Report from **Council of the Great City Schools** offers dismal stats on Black Boys: Regardless of socio-economic status, black males tend to perform more poorly than whites.

"The Educational Effectiveness of Historically Black Colleges and Universities" sheds light on a briefing before the United States Commission on Civil Rights held in Washington, D.C.

Please visit our website for full stories in this **Special Series**, or to find links to the online articles: www.saabnational.org.

Alumni Corner

SAAB is extremely proud of our Alumni members and their accomplishments. Please enjoy a few who have come through our ranks over the years. We have gathered photographs, along with the institution of their graduation and their current position/career.

Share your journey with us and we will include you on the alumni wall too! alumni@saabnational.org.

National Conference

April 01 & 02, 2011 ~ Indianapolis, Indiana



SAAB . . .

Student African-American Brotherhood

"Each One...Reach One: Creating Lives of Civility and Purpose"

Conference Information

SAAB offers life-changing national and regional conferences across the United States to incorporate the message of empowerment and success into the lives of thousands of young men.

We invite you to join us for one of our conferences in your area and around the country. Come and meet other like minded young men, professionals, community activists and scholars striving to make a difference in the lives of men of color as well as the community at large. Visit our website for information on registration, agendas, speakers and hotel arrangements.

Conference Alert

SAAB National Conference

April 01 & April 02, 2011

Downtown Indianapolis

Indianapolis, Indiana

Visit the Conference Website for additional information:

www.saabnational.org/conferences

SAAB NATIONAL CONFERENCE

April 01 - 02, 2011

Hilton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites
Indianapolis, Indiana



"Each One...Reach One: Creating Lives of Civility and Purpose"

Save On Early Bird Registration Through 02-25-11

CONFERENCE DEADLINES!!

February 25, 2011	Early Bird Deadline
March 11, 2011	Mail-in Registration Deadline
March 18, 2011	Last day to register
February 04, 2011	Last day for full refund

REMINDERS:

- Finalize travel and hotel information.
- Share conference news with colleagues and students interested in a powerful male-oriented conference and bonding experience.
- SAAB encourages attendance by SAAB and Non-SAAB members who are undergraduate, high school and middle school students of color.
- Visit the conference website for updated program and events information.

Register Today!

www.saabnational.org/conferences