

2026 MALE EDUCATORS & COMMUNITY SUMMIT



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Program Book & Resource Guide

**Saturday, March 7, 2026
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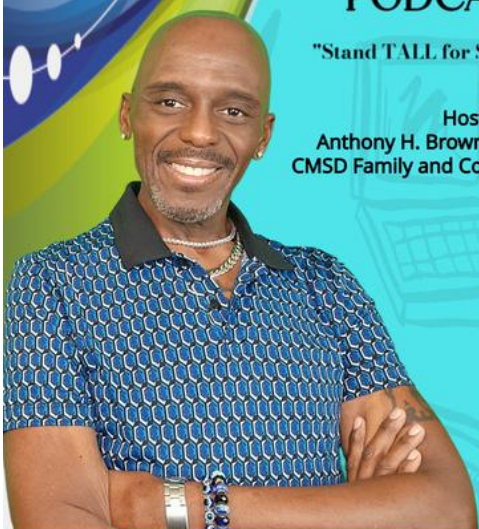
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Professional Development Sessions

- Resume Writing Tips
 - Virtual - Mar 4 - 3:30 - 5:00 PM
 - In-Person - Mar 21 - 9:00-10:30 AM
- Interviewing Strategies
 - Virtual - Mar 11 - 3:30-5:00PM
 - In-Person - Mar 21 - 10:30-12:00 PM

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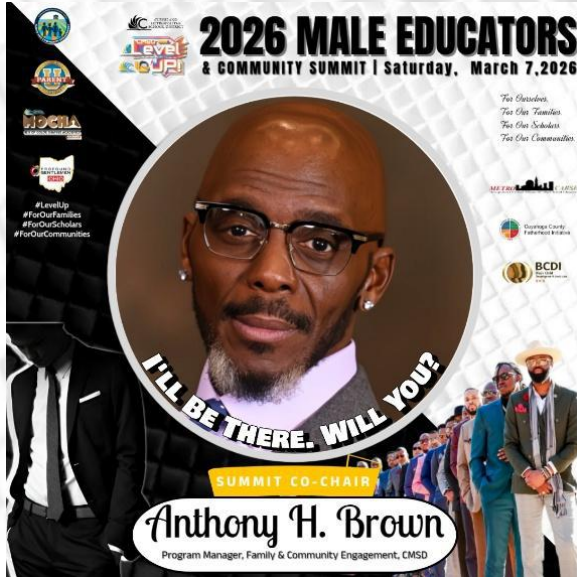
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ARE YOU READY TO LEVEL UP?

WELCOME

March 7, 2026

Greetings,



On behalf of the planning committee and our incredible partners across Northeast Ohio, welcome to the 2026 Male Educators & Community Summit: Level Up.

We are honored that you are here.

What began as a conversation rooted in the CMSD Fathers Matter – Parent University initiative, the CMSD College and Career Readiness Program, the

CMSD MOCHA Network, and trusted partners such as Profound Gentlemen, the Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative, and the Black Child Development Institute—Ohio has grown into something greater than a one-day gathering. It has become a movement.

This Summit was designed intentionally.

It is a space where male educators, fathers, mentors, school leaders, students, caregivers, community advocates, faith leaders, and partners come together not simply to attend sessions, but to strengthen capacity, deepen connection, and sharpen purpose. While grounded in affirming the lived experiences of Black and Brown male educators, this space proudly welcomes all men and allies committed to the success of young people and the health of our communities.

At its core, this Summit is a call to Level Up — personally, professionally, and collectively.



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Throughout today's experience, you will engage in interactive workshops, wellness sessions, youth and mother-centered conversations, career and financial literacy learning, and meaningful brotherhood. You will gain practical tools. You will build relationships. You will be challenged. And most importantly, you will be reminded that your presence matters.

We believe:

- Strong men build strong families.
- Strong families build strong communities.
- Strong communities change the world.

We also believe leadership requires wellness.

That accountability builds community.

And that belonging fuels purpose.

As co-chairs of this Summit and members of the Profound Gentlemen Ohio Cohort, we share a deep commitment to creating spaces where men are seen, supported, and strengthened so they can serve at their highest level.

Today is not about performance.

- ✓ It is about growth.
- ✓ It is about alignment.
- ✓ It is about responsibility.

Every workshop you attend, every connection you make, and every reflection you engage in is an investment — not just in yourself, but in the young people and families who rely on your leadership.





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Thank you for showing up. Thank you for choosing growth. Thank you for being part of something bigger than a single day.

As you explore today's Summit, we encourage you to take advantage of the resources highlighted throughout this program book & resource guide. Inside, you will find useful information that supports the work of strengthening men, families, scholars, and communities. If viewing electronically,

simply click the images to learn more. **May these resources serve as tools you can return to as we continue the work of leveling up together.**

From this point, we want you to lean in.

Build. Hold one another accountable.

Because, together, we will Level Up.

With gratitude and commitment,

The Summit Planning Committee



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VISION & PURPOSE

WHY WE GATHER

Our Vision

We envision a region where men are supported to lead with purpose, show up with confidence, and help lift the next generation. The Male Educators & Community Summit is rooted in the belief that when men strengthen themselves, they are better able to strengthen their families, support scholars, and serve their communities.

This Summit reflects a **Level Up mindset**, encouraging growth in identity, leadership, wellness, and purpose at every stage of life.

Our Purpose

Through this Summit, we aim to:

- Build and strengthen a pipeline of male educators, mentors, fathers, and community leaders across Northeast Ohio
- Provide practical tools for personal growth, professional development, wellness, and emotional well-being
- Create spaces of connection, belonging, and brotherhood for men committed to supporting youth and families
- Expand access to career pathways, mental health resources, and leadership opportunities
- Engage fathers, caregivers, and supporters as active partners in scholar success and school-community growth
- Establish a sustainable annual gathering that continues to grow in reach, impact, and collaboration year after year



"5-Time Award Winning Book"

INSPIRE ME MOMENTS

BY A. Harris Brown, M.Ed.

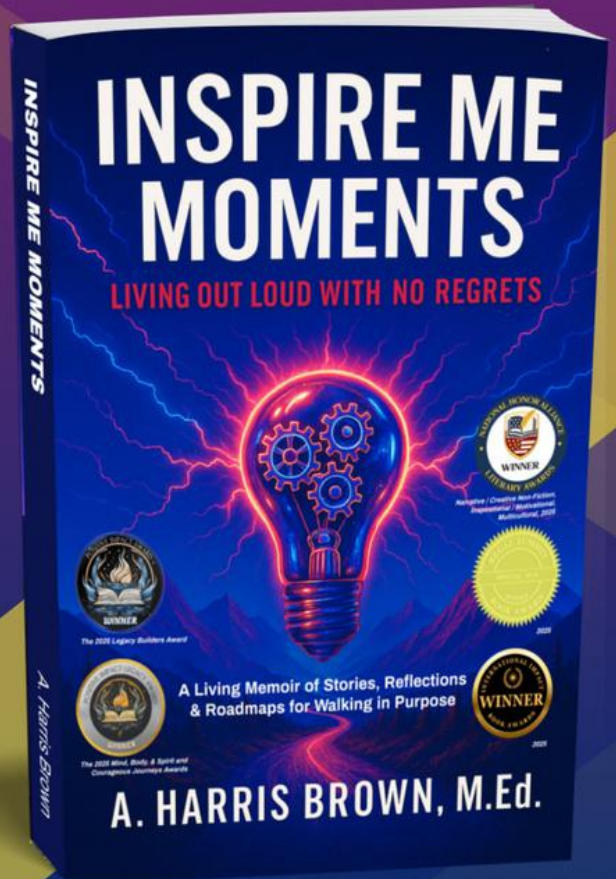
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The Impact of Gratitude on Health

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Your mind and your body have a strong connection. When you practice gratitude, it can offer perks like:

- Lower blood pressure
- Stronger immune system
- Improved heart health
- Boost in mental health
- Better sleep quality
- Decreased pain levels

Want to express more gratitude in your daily life? Here are some tips and tricks:

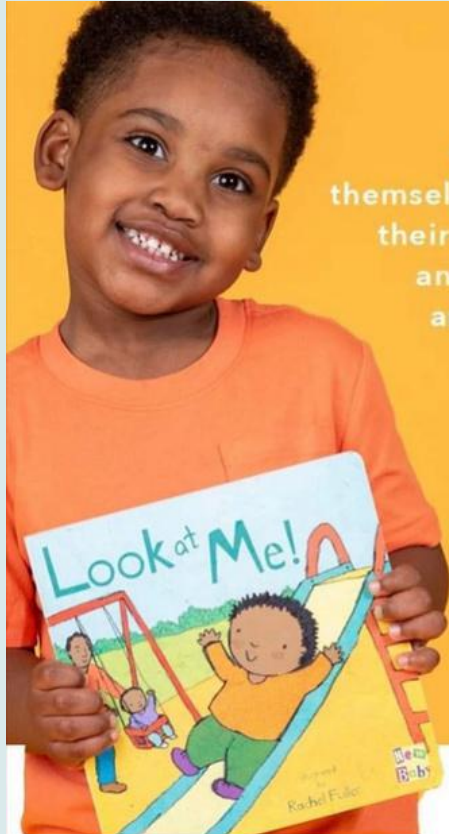
- Keep a journal. Write down three things you're thankful for at the end of each day.
- Write thank you notes to friends and family.
- Take turns saying what you're grateful for at the dinner table.
- Ask yourself questions like, "What am I looking forward to this week?"

Practice a gratitude mindset to start feeling like a healthier, happier you.


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Sources: Harvard Medical School. www.health.harvard.edu/blog/gratitude-enhances-health-brings-happiness-and-may-even-lengthen-lives-202409113071
Cleveland Clinic. <https://health.clevelandclinic.org/gratitude-for-wellness>





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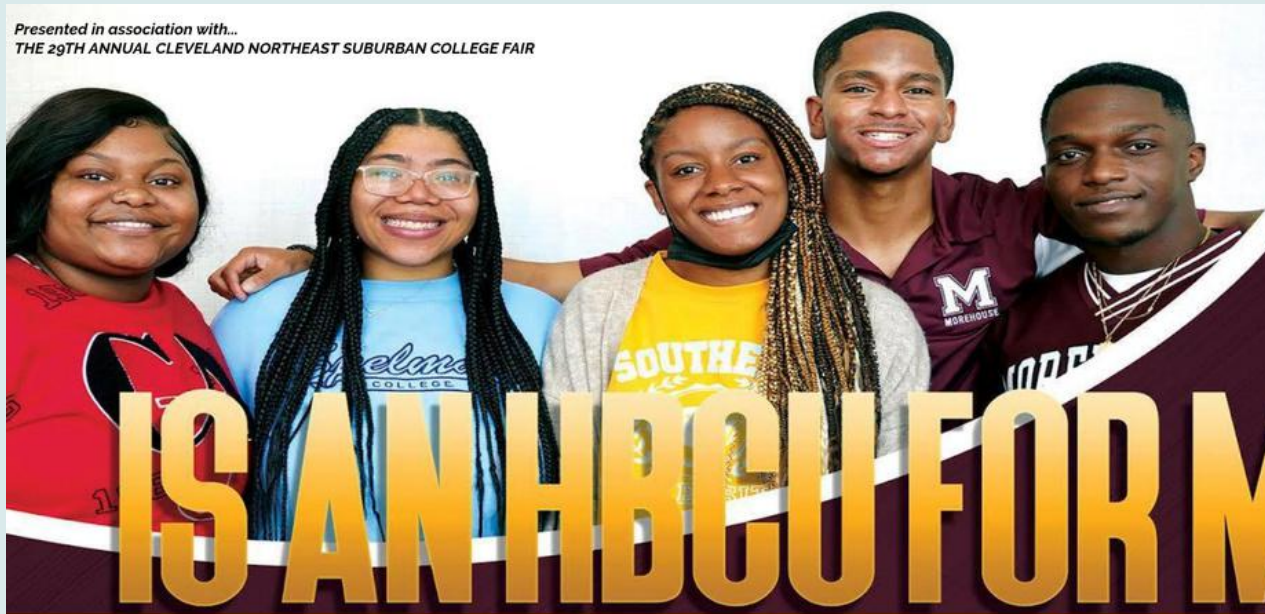
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NEW BLOG

WHY LISTENING TO DADS MATTERS FOR FAMILY HEALTH

When conversations about maternal and infant health happen, dads are often left out. At BCDI Ohio, we are listening directly to fathers across the state to understand their experiences, challenges, and ideas for change. When dads are included, families thrive. Read the full blog and take our Dad and Caregiver Survey to help shape stronger support for families across Ohio.

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Event	Room	Time
Check-In & Continental Breakfast	Atrium	7:30am – 8:30am
Welcome & Opening Ceremony	Auditorium	8:30am – 9:00am
Morning Plenary Session	Auditorium	9:00am – 10:15am
Morning Break	Transition	10:15am – 10:30am
Breakout Block 1: Professional & Personal Development	See Breakout Session for Rooms	10:30am – 11:45am
Networking Lunch	Atrium	11:50am – 12:55pm
Breakout Block 2: Wellness, Balance & Belonging	See Breakout Session for Rooms	1:00pm – 2:15pm
Afternoon Break	Transition	2:15pm – 2:30pm
Closing Ceremony — <i>The Charge</i>	Auditorium	2:30pm – 3:30pm
The Level Up Collective: Group Photo & Video	Gymnasium	3:30pm – 3:45pm



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Event	Room	Time
Summit Committee Work Room	200	All Day
Speaker-Presenter Green Room	215	All Day
Biometrics & Spinal Screenings	217	10:00am – 2:30pm
PSA Screenings	218	10:00am – 2:30pm
Resource Marketplace	221	9:00am – 3:30pm





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PLENARY SESSION

WHY WE CHOSE THIS WORK

A Superintendent Conversation on Purpose, Leadership, and Leveling Up

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SUMMIT EXPERIENCE
 SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026 | 8AM-4PM

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Featured Opening Panel

- Dr. Warren G. Morgan II**
Chief Executive Officer
Cleveland Metropolitan School District
- Donald J. Jolly II**
Superintendent
Warrensville Heights City School District
Panel Moderator
- Andre Rudolph, Jr.**
Superintendent
Lima City Schools
- Dr. Michael J. Barnes**
Superintendent
Mayfield City Schools
- Dr. Richard D. Reynolds**
Superintendent
Garfield Heights City Schools
- Jeremy J. Batchelor**
Superintendent
Youngstown City School District
- Dr. Henry Pettigrew II**
Chief Executive Officer and
Superintendent
East Cleveland City School District
- Meredith Turner**
Councilwoman
Cuyahoga County Council District 9
A WOMEN'S POINT OF VIEW

The Summit opens with a powerful and personal conversation featuring regional superintendents who have answered the call to lead, serve, and stand in the gap for students, families, and communities.

Why We Chose This Work is more than a panel – it is a moment of truth-telling, reflection, and collective grounding. These education leaders share the stories, values, and responsibilities that shape their leadership journeys and keep them committed to this work, even when it is challenging.

Together, they will explore:

- What it truly means to lead with purpose, integrity, and heart
- Why representation, mentorship, and visibility matter, especially for young people
- How wellness, identity, and leadership are deeply connected



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- What it looks like to **Level Up** not just professionally, but personally and communally

This conversation reminds us that leadership is not just about position. It is about **presence, accountability, and service.**

Meet the Superintendent Panelists:

Superintendents from across Northeast Ohio and beyond, each bringing lived experience, local insight, and a shared commitment to students and communities they serve.



Dr. Warren G. Morgan II is the CEO of the [Cleveland Metropolitan School District](#), where he leads Ohio's third-largest school system and manages a workforce of over 6,500 employees. Since his appointment in 2023, he has launched the ambitious "Building Brighter Futures" initiative to right-size the district and expand career pathways for all high school students. A Ph.D. graduate from the University of Illinois-Chicago and a former White House Fellow under two administrations, Dr. Morgan is recognized for achieving historic proficiency gains and securing a 3-star rating on the Ohio State Report Card.



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PRESENTER

Donald J. Jolly II
Superintendent, Warrensville Heights City School District

Donald J. Jolly II serves as the Superintendent of the [Warrensville Heights City School District](#), a role he has held since 2015. A native and alumnus of the district, he has led a "Return to Excellence" that increased graduation rates from 67% to 94% and secured the construction of new, state-of-the-art 21st-century learning facilities. His leadership earned him the title of **2023 Ohio Outstanding Superintendent** from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation and the **2024 Black Educator of the Year Award**.

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Andre Rudolph, Jr.
Superintendent, Lima City Schools

Andre Rudolph Jr. serves as the Superintendent of [Lima City Schools](#), having officially begun his tenure in August 2025 following the retirement of Jill Ackerman. A native of Cleveland and former assistant superintendent at Reynoldsburg City Schools, he has focused his first semester on community engagement through his "Afternoons with Andre" initiative and implementing new K-8 curriculum aimed at achieving a three-star state rating. Rudolph, an alumnus of Miami University, is recognized for his collaborative leadership and commitment to providing diverse academic pathways ranging from career-technical programs to college preparatory coursework.



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Dr. Michael J. Barnes
Superintendent, Mayfield City Schools

Dr. Michael J. Barnes is the Superintendent of [Mayfield City Schools](#) and serves as the President of the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA). A veteran educator who returned to lead his home district in 2021, he recently guided Mayfield to a perfect **5-star rating** on the 2024–25 Ohio State Report Card, the state's highest academic distinction. Dr. Barnes, who holds a doctorate from Nova Southeastern University, is recognized for his "Start with Yes" philosophy and his leadership in securing a critical 2024 continuous operating levy to fund student safety and mental health.

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Jeremy J. Batchelor
Superintendent, Youngstown City School District

Jeremy J. Batchelor is the Superintendent of the [Youngstown City School District](#), where he has led the district since August 2023. A Youngstown native and former principal, he was recently named one of the **Top Ten Superintendents of 2025** by *Education Insider* for his data-driven leadership and success in improving graduation rates and reducing district-wide conflict. Under his guidance, the district has achieved significant academic gains, including a **3-star rating** for student progress on the most recent Ohio State Report Card.



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Dr. Henry Pettigrew, II
Superintendent & CEO, East Cleveland City School District

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Dr. Henry Pettigrew II is the Superintendent and CEO of the [East Cleveland City School District](#), where he has led a historic academic turnaround. Since his appointment in 2019, he has guided the district from a decade of failing grades to a **3-star rating** on the Ohio State Report Card, a milestone that recently led to the district's release from years of state oversight. A Ph.D. graduate of Cleveland State University, he was recently honored as the **2025 Jim Brown Inspire Change Changemaker** for significantly reducing chronic absenteeism and improving student performance.

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Superintendent, Garfield Heights City Schools

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Dr. Richard D. Reynolds is the Superintendent of the [Garfield Heights City Schools](#), where he has led the district's "Bulldog Revival" since August 2022. Under his leadership, the district achieved a **3-star rating** on the Ohio State Report Card in 2025 and has significantly improved student attendance through partnerships with the Ohio Department of Education. Dr. Reynolds is recognized for his "Every Child, Every Day, Together" philosophy and his commitment to enhancing district safety and academic rigor.



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A Women’s Point of View: Reflection & Response

Following the superintendent dialogue, **Meredith Turner** offers a thoughtful and affirming response from a woman’s perspective.

As a respected education leader and community advocate, Meredith brings voice to the often-unspoken truth that men’s leadership is strengthened through partnership, accountability, and care from women in their lives and work. Her reflection honors the role women play as collaborators, supporters, challengers, and truth-tellers in spaces where men lead.

Her response:

- Affirms the importance of men stepping fully into leadership and wellness
- Reflects on how women experience, support, and shape male leadership
- Reinforces the collective responsibility to raise, protect, and empower scholars together

This moment adds balance, depth, and perspective, reminding us that **Leveling Up is a shared effort.**

Meredith M. Turner represents District 9 on the Cuyahoga County Council, where she serves as Chair of the Finance & Budgeting Committee and Vice Chair of the Economic Development & Planning Committee. A lifelong educator and former U.S. Senate liaison for Sherrod Brown, she has dedicated her career to civic engagement, voting access, and community empowerment across Northeast Ohio. Turner, a graduate of the Leadership Cleveland Class of 2025, holds a Master of Education from Cleveland State University and has been widely recognized for her social justice advocacy and leadership.



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Brandon Boone
Fellowship Alum, '23



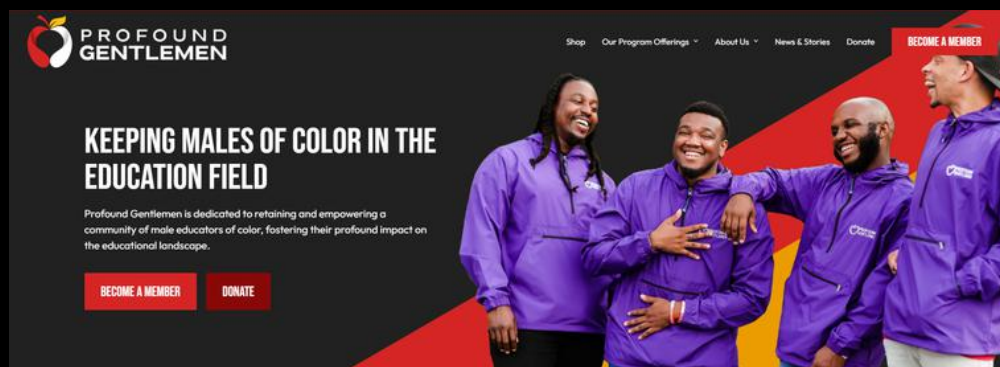
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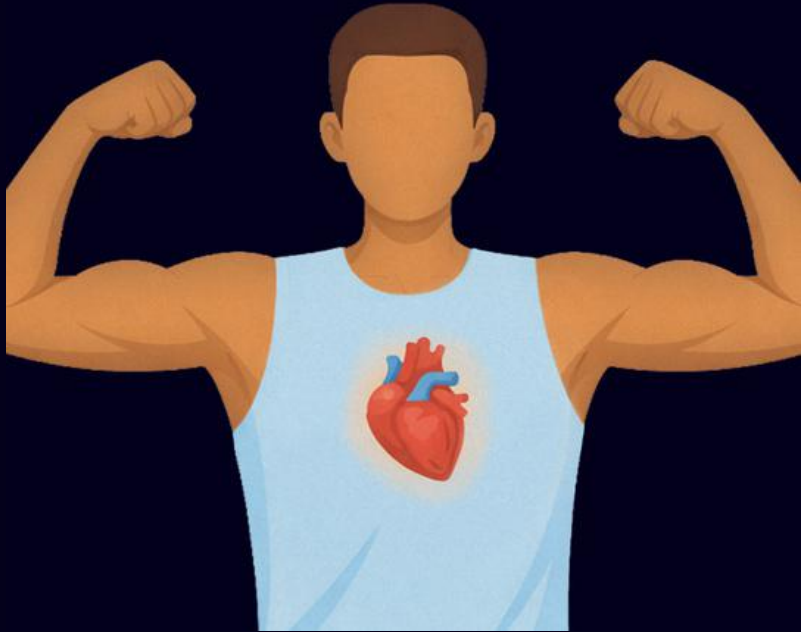
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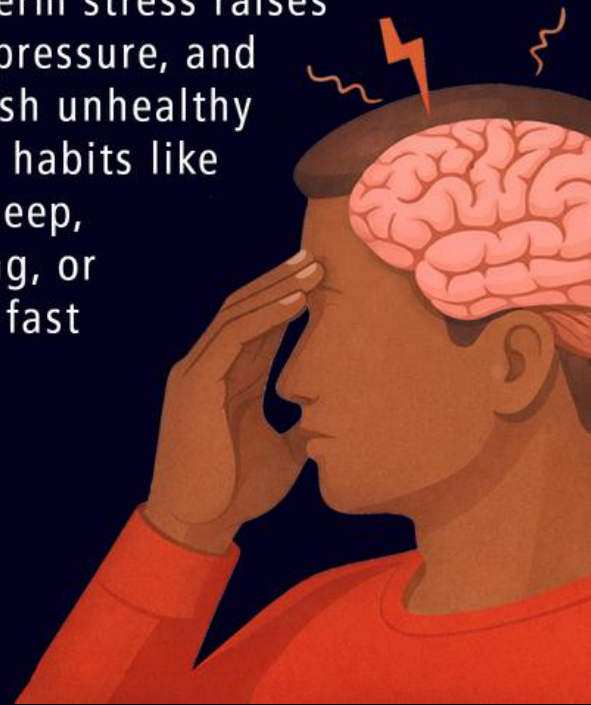


3 Simple **Heart** Health Tips for Young Men



Stop ignoring stress & burnout

Long-term stress raises blood pressure, and can push unhealthy coping habits like poor sleep, drinking, or eating fast food.



Watch liquid calories & weekend drinking



Sugary drinks, energy drinks, and frequent alcohol use can raise blood pressure leading to weight gain and early metabolic problems

Don't ignore your sleep quality

Younger men often sacrifice sleep for work, gaming, social life, or scrolling, but don't realize it adds up.



The Cleveland African American Prostate Cancer Project (CAAPP)



What is CAAPP?

- A research project in Cleveland led by a team of **cancer survivors, researchers, doctors and community members**
- Participants are African American men who are 40 years of age or older

Our Goals

- 1** To encourage **African American men who are aged 40+** to take a Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) blood test (to screen for prostate cancer)
- 2** To better **understand individuals' screening experience** and intentions to receive the recommended care after getting their test results
- 3** To **determine the support an individual needs to get screened** for prostate cancer
- 4** To **increase access to and build a relationship with primary care physicians**





2026 MALE EDUCATORS & COMMUNITY SUMMIT

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

WHAT TO EXPECT

The 2026 Male Educators & Community Summit features two intentional breakout blocks, designed to help participants Level Up personally, professionally, and collectively.

Each participant will select one session in Block 1 and one session in Block 2, choosing from a range of interactive workshops led by educators, community leaders, coaches, facilitators, and practitioners doing real work in real spaces.

Across both blocks, sessions are designed to be:

- ✓ Interactive
- ✓ Reflective
- ✓ Action-oriented
- ✓ Immediately applicable

You'll hear from presenters who understand the lived experiences of men in education and community spaces and who are committed to strengthening families, scholars, and communities by first supporting the men who lead them.

Block 1: Professional & Personal Development

Level Up: Knowledge | Morning Sessions

Block 1 centers on the professional and personal skills men need to thrive as educators, leaders, fathers, and community anchors. These morning sessions are designed to sharpen your tools and strengthen how you show up in your work, your home, and your community, with intention, clarity, and purpose.

Block 2: Wellness, Balance & Belonging

Level Up: Wellness | Afternoon Sessions

Block 2 centers wellness, connection, and the emotional work required to lead well over time. Block 2 is about restoring the man, not just equipping the role.



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2026 MALE EDUCATORS & COMMUNITY SUMMIT PROFESSIONAL & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

LEVEL UP: KNOWLEDGE
Block 1: Morning sessions | Saturday, March 7, 2026 | 8am-4pm

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Money Moves: Level Up Your Financial Power



Timothy Lewis
"Empowering Families Through Modern Money Skills"

Nikki Anderson & Amanda Talton
"Building and Preservation of Credit"

Charles Rivers
"Homeownership Literacy: Building Foundations"

The Man Within: Level Up Your Presence, Discipline & Drive



Sir A. Evans
"Barrier Breakers: From Self-Doubt to Strengthened Leadership"

Larry D. Wilcox
"LEVEL UP: Building the Man Within - Identity, Discipline & Emotional Strength"

Pathways & Promotions: Level Up Your Career Game



Anthony W. Scott
"Boys to Men: Practical Pathways to Purpose, Opportunity, and Leadership"

Dr. Martin Freeman
"Built to Endure: Resilience for Male Educators, Adults, and Community Leaders"

Jason Lockett Sr.
"Beyond the Title: How Men Navigate Career Transitions and Lead with Intention"

Kings in the Making: Manhood, Choices & Safe Navigation in the Community



Martez M. Glenn, Ph.D.
"Leveling Up: Building Purpose, Power, and Pathways for Black & Brown Males"



Rev. Lester Williams, Jr.
"Broken Crayons Still Color"

Raising Kings: Strengthening our Boys with Love, Insight & Advocacy



Crystal Ann Hall
"Rooted in Purpose: How Mother's Shape Men, Families, and Communities"



Jonathon Blake Turner
"Covered, Not Coddled: The Sacred Balance Between Protection and Preparation"

Session	Presenter(s)	Room
1. Boys to Men: Practical Pathways to Purpose, Opportunity, and Leadership	Anthony W. Scott	Auditorium
2. Beyond the Title: How Men Navigate Career Transitions and Lead with Intention	Jason Lockett Sr.	Little Theater
3. Barrier Breakers: From Self-Doubt to Strengthened Leadership	Sir A. Evans	207
4. Leveling Up: Building Purpose, Power, and Pathways for Black & Brown Males	Dr. Martez Glenn	212
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Natika "Nikki" Anderson
Vice President & Community Development Officer | PNC Bank

Amanda Talton
Youth Program Manager | PNC Fairfax Connection



Natika "Nikki" Anderson serves as Vice President and Community Development Officer for PNC Bank in Northern Ohio. With more than 30 years in financial services, she advances inclusive economic growth through community development finance, affordable housing initiatives, and small business support. Nikki partners with nonprofits, local leaders, and institutions to expand access to capital in underserved communities. Her collaborative leadership strengthens pathways to financial wellness and long-term stability.

Amanda Talton is a youth development professional and financial literacy advocate with over 15 years of experience supporting young people and families. As Youth Program Manager at PNC Fairfax Connection, she leads programming focused on mentorship, leadership development, and healthy money habits. With a background in athletics and coaching, Amanda brings discipline, energy, and relationship-centered leadership to her work, helping youth and families build confidence in financial decision-making and long-term stability.

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Building and Preservation of Credit

Your credit matters, whether you are renting an apartment, buying a car, starting a business, or planning for the future. This interactive, judgment-free workshop breaks down credit in a clear and practical way. Participants will learn how credit scores work, what appears on a credit report, and how everyday financial decisions can help or harm credit over time. Co-facilitated with real-life scenarios and actionable tools, the session covers strategies for building credit, repairing past challenges, avoiding common pitfalls, and protecting credit from fraud. Designed for all experience levels, participants will leave with realistic steps they can begin using immediately to strengthen and preserve their financial health, supporting long-term stability and opportunity.

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Pathways & Promotions: Level Up Your Career Game

Sharpen your professional brand, strengthen your résumé, master interviews, and uncover new career pathways—in education or beyond. This session is about mobility, influence, and stepping boldly into your next opportunity.

Anthony W. Scott, Esq.
Founder | I.S.I. Publishing LLC



Anthony W. Scott is an author, speaker, attorney, and U.S. Marine Corps veteran committed to helping individuals lead with authenticity and confidence. A first-generation college graduate and Shaw High School alumnus, he explores identity and leadership through storytelling and community engagement. Through I.S.I. Publishing LLC, Tony equips individuals to overcome imposter syndrome and step fully into purpose.

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Boys to Men: Practical Pathways to Purpose, Opportunity, and Leadership

Drawing from *Unlocking Potential: Insights, Tips and Strategies for Young Black Professionals*, this session explores the critical transitions young Black males face as they move from boyhood into manhood and into college, the military, entrepreneurship, or the workforce. Designed for educators, fathers, mentors, and families, participants will gain practical strategies to strengthen postsecondary readiness through mentorship development, strategic networking, emotional intelligence, growth mindset, and professional self-awareness. The session also examines how young men can navigate different environments with confidence while staying grounded in identity and purpose. Attendees will leave with clear frameworks and language they can apply immediately in classrooms, homes, and mentoring relationships to strengthen accountability, resilience, adaptability, and self-advocacy.

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The Man Within: Level Up Your Presence, Discipline & Drive

This session helps men elevate their presence, decision-making, and leadership through intentional habits, discipline, and self-awareness, highlighting how daily choices shape credibility, effectiveness, and long-term impact across professional, family, and community spaces.

Sir A. Evans
Founder | Quality SIRvice



Sir A. Evans is a community leader and mentor focused on strengthening men to better serve their families and communities. Grounded in lived experience and community-based leadership, his work centers identity, accountability, and intentional growth. Through faith-based and leadership initiatives, he equips men to lead with clarity, confidence, and consistency.

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Barrier Breakers: From Self-Doubt to Strengthened Leadership

Barrier Breakers is an interactive workshop designed to help men identify and move beyond the internal and external barriers that impact leadership, wellness, and confidence. Centered on adult male educators, fathers, mentors, and community leaders, the session explores self-doubt, unspoken expectations, boundary-setting, and the pressure to perform without support. Through guided reflection, discussion, and practical tools, participants will examine strengths, acknowledge growth, and apply a clear framework for navigating challenges across professional, family, and community spaces. Participants will leave with greater clarity, renewed confidence, and at least one actionable step they can apply immediately to strengthen presence, protect well-being, and lead with intention.

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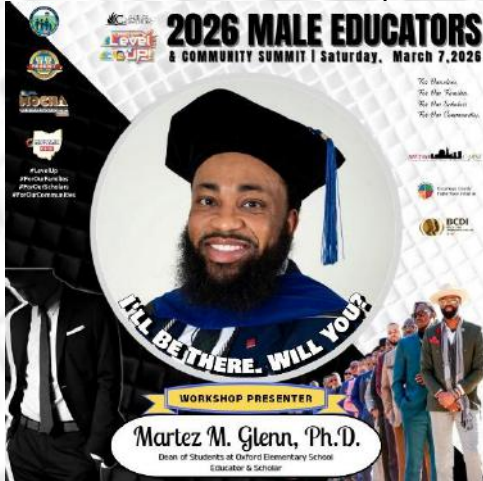
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Male Youth — Kings in the Making: Manhood, Choices & Safe Navigation in the Community

Empowering young men to strengthen their voice, protect their future, and rise as leaders—whether navigating police interactions, social media pressures, conflict, relationships, or life-changing opportunities.

Dr. Martez Micah Glenn

Dean of Students | Cleveland Heights–University Heights School District



Dr. Martez Micah Glenn is an educational leader committed to advancing the success of men and boys through culturally affirming, strength-based approaches. He serves as a Dean of Students, leading PK–5 student supports, discipline reform, and family engagement. A first-generation college graduate, Dr. Glenn draws on lived experience and doctoral research in Urban Education to challenge deficit narratives and elevate young men. He is a member of the Profound Gentlemen Ohio Cohort and centers mentorship, school connectedness, and collective responsibility in his work.

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Leveling Up: Building Purpose, Power, and Pathways for Black and Brown Males

This interactive breakout session brings together male educators, community members, and middle and high school young men for reflection, dialogue, and action focused on redefining success and strengthening pathways for Black and Brown males. Grounded in research on the educational journeys of young men who successfully matriculated from urban public schools to college, the session centers asset-based narratives, mentorship, and school connectedness as drivers of persistence and thriving. Participants will challenge deficit-based thinking, elevate the strengths already present in themselves and their communities, and identify practical ways to show up with intention. Attendees will leave with shared language, actionable strategies, and clear commitments they can apply immediately in schools, mentoring spaces, and community settings.

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LEVEL UP: WELLNESS
Block 2: Afternoon sessions | Saturday, March 7, 2026 | 9am-4pm

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Self-Care & Mental Health



Dr. Jalen M. Brown
"The House Has Always Been on Fire: Black Male Educators Navigating Systems by Design"



Maurice F. Martin
"Still Standing: How Men Level Up as Leaders from the Inside Out"

Health & Wellness



Bridget Cole Williams, MD
"Built to Last: Preventive Health for Men Who Lead"



Diauntae Morrow
"The Wellness Playbook: Building Your Gameplan for Longevity & Leadership"



Dr. Byron Jackson
"The Warrior's Edge: Aligning the Body for Sustainable Leadership"

Brotherhood, Belonging & Social-Emotional Strength



Dr. Ralph Murphy, II
"Inside the Mind of a Leader"



Donshon Wilson & Keith Langford
"The Brotherhood Table: Hard Conversations Men Avoid"



Tuwan Spencer
"Level Up from the Inside Out: Emotional Regulation, Identity, and Leadership for Men"

Leveling Up: Healthy Choices & Everyday Leadership



Antonio Sanford, Sr.
"What's Your Style? Using Conflict Styles as Part of Everyday Life"



Jerome Cash
"Pick Up My Problem"

Mothers... The Power of Advocacy: Supporting the Men in Our Lives



Melvin White
"Understanding the Man in the Mirror"



Lisa E. Griffin
"Raising Kings: Strengthening Our Boys with Love, Insight & Advocacy"

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Self-Care & Mental Health

This session creates a supportive space for men to explore emotional well-being, manage stress, and address burnout with honesty and intention. Participants will gain practical strategies to prioritize mental health, reduce stigma, and build sustainable habits of care.

Maurice F. Martin
Leadership Coach & Author



Maurice F. Martin is a transformational speaker and leadership coach whose work center's identity development, wellness, and sustainable leadership. A member of the Profound Gentlemen Ohio Cohort, Maurice equips men and educators to lead with presence, accountability, and purpose across schools and communities.

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Still Standing: How Men Level Up as Leaders from the Inside Out

This reflective wellness session invites male educators, fathers, mentors, and community leaders to examine the internal work required to lead with strength, clarity, and sustainability. Drawing from lived experience and leadership coaching, participants will explore how identity, pressure, and unspoken expectations impact emotional health, decision-making, and leadership presence. Through guided reflection and small-group dialogue, the session helps men recognize internal strain, regulate emotional pressure, and adopt healthier rhythms for leadership and life. Emphasizing practical application, participants will identify realistic actions they can implement immediately to lead with greater authenticity, consistency, and balance. Attendees will leave with a personal reset plan and a strengthened commitment to sustainable leadership.

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Health & Wellness

Focused on physical well-being and prevention, this session empowers men to take ownership of their health through informed choices and proactive practices. Participants will explore nutrition, fitness, and preventive care as essential foundations for longevity, leadership, and family stability.

Dr. Bridget Cole Williams
Medical Director | Care Alliance Health Center



Dr. Bridget Cole Williams is a board-certified family physician and empowerment coach serving as Medical Director at Care Alliance Health Center. With over two decades of experience, she leads with a human-centered approach prioritizing trust, access, and equity. Her work bridges traditional medicine with culturally responsive wellness strategies, reducing health disparities and building healthier futures across Cleveland communities.

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Built to Last: Preventive Health for Men Who Lead

This interactive Health and Wellness session centers preventive care, primary health access, and practical strategies men can use to take control of long-term well-being. The workshop addresses common health disparities impacting men and reframes routine care as a leadership responsibility rather than an afterthought. Participants will explore annual checkups, chronic disease prevention, blood pressure management, mental health awareness, and building a relationship with a primary care provider. Through guided discussion, real-life examples, and accessible medical insight, attendees gain clarity on how early detection, lifestyle adjustments, and consistent care can improve quality of life. Participants will leave with practical questions to ask their doctor, screenings to prioritize at different life stages, and simple daily habits that support longevity, along with a clear action plan to begin implementing immediately beyond the Summit.

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Dr. Byron G. Jackson
Clinic Director | A Chiropractic Healing



Dr. Byron G. Jackson is a board-certified chiropractic physician specializing in clinical biomechanics and integrative wellness. He connects physical alignment with mental resilience, teaching that sustainable success begins with disciplined habits and preventive care. Through clinical practice and leadership development, he equips individuals to pursue excellence in health and life.

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The Warrior's Edge: Aligning the Body for Sustainable Leadership

Leadership requires more than mindset. It requires physical capacity. This session explores how physical health impacts stress regulation, emotional stability, focus, and long-term effectiveness in leadership and service. Dr. Byron Jackson connects clinical insight with practical application, demonstrating how chronic pain, posture misalignment, nervous system overload, and daily physical strain contribute to burnout and diminished performance. Participants gain a foundational understanding of how the body influences mood, decision-making, and resilience. Through guided demonstrations and simple physical reset techniques, attendees will learn strategies they can use in classrooms, offices, homes, and community spaces to reduce stress, improve alignment, and strengthen vitality. Participants will leave with a routine they can practice immediately and a clearer plan for protecting their physical well-being.

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Brotherhood, Belonging & Social-Emotional Strength

This session centers the power of connection, accountability, and healthy relationships among men. Participants will strengthen communication skills, explore fatherhood and mentorship, and build the social-emotional capacity needed to lead with empathy and integrity.

Dr. Ralph F. Murphy II Educator & Author



Dr. Ralph F. Murphy II is an educator and scholar dedicated to advancing professionalism and leadership development for Black male educators. His work centers lived experience, resilience, and mentorship as tools for educational advancement. A member of the Profound Gentlemen Ohio Cohort, Dr. Murphy cultivates intentional leadership and reflective growth among the next generation of educators.

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Inside the Mind of a Leader

This interactive session invites adult men, educators, and community leaders to explore the internal work required to lead effectively under pressure. Centered on executive-level thinking, emotional regulation, and intentional decision-making, participants examine how mindset, stress, and emotional awareness influence leadership behavior in both professional and personal spaces. Through guided reflection, practical strategies, and peer dialogue, the session supports men in navigating complex conversations, managing stress, and strengthening emotional intelligence. Emphasizing brotherhood, accountability, and connection, participants will gain tools to lead with clarity, empathy, and confidence across schools, organizations, families, and communities. Attendees will leave with a leadership reflection tool and practical techniques they can use immediately.

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Donshon Wilson
Director of Student Wellness & Parent Engagement | Warrensville Heights City School District

Keith Langford
Supervisor, Office of Family & Community Engagement | Shaker Heights Schools



Donshon Wilson is an accomplished educator and youth development leader born and raised in East Cleveland, Ohio. He currently serves as Director of Student Wellness and Parent Engagement for Warrensville Heights City School District and Marching Band Director at Warrensville Heights High School. For more than two decades, he has transformed young lives through music, discipline, and belief, including leading bands to national and international recognition. He is founder of Music Through the Streets and a member of the Profound Gentlemen Ohio Cohort.

Keith Langford leads the Office of Family and Community Engagement for Shaker Heights Schools, strengthening partnerships between schools, families, and communities. A national speaker on engagement and founder of the M.I.T. mentoring initiative, he builds systems that elevate youth and families. He is a member of the Profound Gentlemen Ohio Cohort, serves on the 2026 Summit Planning Committee, and is a graduate of the State of Black Learning Leadership Development Cohort #2. He and his wife are co-owners of Burn Boot Camp Beachwood.

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The Brotherhood Table: Hard Conversations Men Avoid

The Brotherhood Table is a facilitated, structured space where men engage in conversations they rarely have openly. This session centers honesty, accountability, and authentic connection by exploring topics often left unspoken, including loneliness in leadership, emotional isolation in marriage or fatherhood, competition versus collaboration, the pressure to always appear strong, and the tension between performance and authenticity. Through guided reflection, small-group dialogue, and peer accountability, participants build trust, strengthen communication, and deepen relational capacity. The focus is not motivation but connection, reinforcing that healthy leadership begins with honest relationships. Participants will leave with greater clarity about their support systems, renewed commitment to intentional brotherhood, and practical next steps for building authentic male connection.

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Tuwan Spencer
Founder | LIONH3ARTED



Tuwan Spencer is founder of LIONH3ARTED, a leadership development and social-emotional wellness organization equipping youth and adults to lead intentionally and build resilience. Drawing from lived experience and behavioral health expertise, he supports men and families in strengthening identity, emotional regulation, and leadership capacity.

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Level Up from the Inside Out: Emotional Regulation, Identity, and Leadership for Men

This interactive session equips participants with practical emotional regulation and leadership tools to strengthen identity, presence, and relational impact across schools, families, and community spaces. Participants will explore how past experiences and emotional triggers can shape present-day behavior, decision-making, and leadership effectiveness. Through guided reflection, co-regulation practices, small-group dialogue, and real-world scenarios, attendees gain tools they can apply immediately to reduce reactivity, strengthen communication, and model emotional intelligence. The session centers personal growth, wellness, and identity-based leadership as essential to sustained impact, honoring lived experiences while offering culturally responsive, strengths-based strategies that support healthier relationships and stronger communities. Participants will leave with strategies they can practice daily and a personal plan for responding with intention.

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Male Youth — Leveling Up: Healthy Choices & Everyday Leadership

Designed for young men, this session supports healthy decision-making, emotional awareness, and leadership development in everyday settings. Participants will explore identity, confidence, and personal responsibility as foundations for positive choices at school, at home, and in the community.

Antonio L. Sanford, Sr.

WAVE Specialist | Cleveland Metropolitan School District



Antonio L. Sanford, Sr. has over 25 years of experience supporting students through conflict resolution, peer mediation, and mentorship. As a WAVE Specialist, he trains students and staff in practical tools for navigating conflict and leadership. His work is rooted in creating safe, inclusive school environments and empowering youth to lead with confidence and accountability.

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What's Your Style? Using Conflict Styles as Part of Everyday Life

Designed for male youth, this interactive session helps young men build emotional awareness, healthy decision-making skills, and everyday leadership through a deeper understanding of conflict styles. Participants will explore common ways people respond to conflict, identify their own go-to style, and practice when and how to use other approaches effectively. Through guided activities, role-play moments, and discussion, the session connects conflict navigation to communication, leadership, and relationship-building at school, at home, and in the community. Participants will leave with practical strategies they can use immediately to manage disagreements, express themselves with confidence, and make intentional choices.

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HEALTH SCREENINGS

HOW WELL ARE YOU?

Leveling Up Includes Your Health

As part of the Summit’s commitment to whole-man wellness, participants may opt into complimentary, on-site health screenings offered throughout the day. These optional services are designed to promote awareness, prevention, and long-term vitality.

Taking care of your body is not an afterthought. It is foundational to leadership, service, and longevity. Because leveling up means strengthening the mind, body, and mission.

Participation in screenings is voluntary. Indicating interest during registration helps our partners coordinate staffing and materials. Any required consent forms or additional instructions will be completed directly with providers on-site the day of the Summit.

Available Health Screenings



Biometric Screening:

Blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, BMI, and other key health indicators that provide a snapshot of your current health status.

Provided by:

- Care Alliance Health Center
- University Hospitals



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HEALTH SCREENINGS



Prostate Health (PSA) Screening:

A simple blood test that helps detect early signs of prostate cancer. Recommended for men ages 40 and older or those with elevated risk factors.

Provided by:

- Cleveland African American Prostate Cancer Project



Spine, Posture & Mobility Check-In:

A brief alignment and mobility assessment designed to identify posture issues, spinal stress, and physical strain that can affect overall health and performance.

Provided by:

- Hunter Wellness Center - Dr. Lamar Hunter

A Reminder

- Strong leadership begins with strong health.
- Take a moment during the Summit to invest in yourself.
- Your health matters. Your longevity matters.
- And the work we do in our families, schools, and communities depends on it.

The Cleveland African American Prostate Cancer Project (CAAPP)



Our Purpose

- African American men are **2.1 times** more likely than white men to die from prostate cancer in the U.S.
- This large difference is similarly seen in **Cleveland**
- **Prostate cancer screening is important because it helps to look for cancer before a person has any symptoms.**

Our Approach

- Prostate cancer and screening education in barbershops, a community setting
- Local barbers receive education on how to talk about prostate cancer and screenings with their clients

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WE ARE THE LIGHT

Brothers, as we begin this school year, we are reminded of a simple but powerful truth:
We Are The Light.

Light empowers. Just as sunlight gives life and growth, education nourishes the minds and spirits of our young people. Our words, our presence, our lessons—these are beams of light that energize entire communities.

Light affirms identity. Each of us shines differently—some with the steady glow of guidance, others with the bold flash of inspiration. Together, our collective light cannot be hidden. It illuminates the way forward for our students, our schools, and generations to come.



And when we shine, others rise.



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 INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Regular attendance is crucial for academic success. Here are some reasons why you should make sure your child is in school every day.

BETTER EDUCATION AND GRADES

Students who miss school miss lectures, notes, class discussions, assignments, quizzes, and tests. Even if they miss just a few days here and there, their grades are likely to suffer.

MORE EFFECTIVE LEARNING

When students are in class, they learn the material along with their classmates. When they're not in class, they have to learn the material on their own, which is time-consuming, stressful, and a much less effective way to learn.

ABLE TO STAY ON TRACK

Chronic absenteeism is a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school and not graduate. Students who are chronically absent can also get so far behind that they are unable to graduate on time with their classmates.

MORE VALUE ON EDUCATION

When students know that they're expected to be in school every day, they get the message that school and education are important.

I'm Committed To....

**For Myself.
 For My Family.
 For My Scholars.
 For My Community.**

THE CITY OF CLEVELAND CELEBRATES

Women's HISTORY MONTH 2026

Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future

MARCH 2026 | WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 04	Spill the Tea 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. City Hall Rotunda Sip, Share, Support: Enjoy tea and roundtable discussion
MONDAY 09	Purple Power: Wear Purple Day 10:00 a.m. City Hall Rotunda Join us for an All-City photo to celebrate and honor International Women's Day
WEDNESDAY 11	Lunch & Learn: Domestic Violence Awareness 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. City Hall Rotunda A guided discussion with Chief of Police Dorothy A. Todd and community support specialists; resources and lunch provided
WEDNESDAY 18	Powering Women Wellness Day 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. City Hall Rotunda "Power Her. Heal Her. Elevate Her": Free health screenings, relaxation, and more
THURSDAY 26	Made by Her Exchange 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. City Hall Rotunda Pop-Up Shop from local vendors
TUESDAY 31	Inaugural Women's Celebration Ceremony 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. City Hall Rotunda Celebrating women leading the change and shaping a sustainable future

Spring Break Literacy & STEM Camp

March 23-27, 2026 | 9:30AM-2:00PM

Camp Grades 1st through 3rd

Locations

- Gunning NRRC (6700 Puritas Ave.)**
 (216) 420-7900
- Frederick Douglass NRRC (15401 Miles Ave.)**
 (216) 664-6882
- Stella Walsh NRRC (7345 Broadway Ave.)**
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Register ahead of time

- Create or log in to your CivicRec account and sign up online.
- Scan the QR code to get started.





2026 MALE EDUCATORS & COMMUNITY SUMMIT

RESOURCE MARKETPLACE

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Level Up: Connection, Access & Opportunity



The Resource Marketplace is a curated ecosystem of partners committed to strengthening men, families, scholars, and communities across Northeast Ohio.

Designed for meaningful engagement, this space connects participants to tools, services, and relationships that support wellness, economic mobility, career advancement, youth development, and community impact.

This is not a place to browse. It is a place to connect, learn, and build.

We thank each participating organization for investing in access and opportunity. Engage, follow up, and continue supporting these partners beyond the Summit.

We encourage participants to engage, connect, and continue supporting these organizations beyond the Summit.

Marketplace Experience Zones



Youth & Family Impact Organizations

Programs focused on youth development, mentoring, fatherhood engagement, and family-centered support.

[1,000 Ties](#) — Trayvon Porter

[Black Child Development Institute—Ohio](#) — Crystal Hall

[Bright Beginnings of ESCNEO](#) — Rachel Napolitano

[Kids' Book Bank](#) — Mahogani Graves

[Motivated and Empowered Inc](#) — Bianca Crawford

[The Literacy Cooperative](#) — Joan Spoerl



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Author's Row & Educational Resources

Books, curriculum, workshops, and thought leadership centered on literacy, leadership, resilience, and identity.

[A Note to My Black, LLC](#) — Toya Adams-Driscall

[From Cleveland with Love LLC](#) — Nachshon Yisrael

[Full-Time Father](#) — Robert Mercer

[I.S.I. Publishing LLC](#) — Anthony W. Scott

[The Father Reboot](#) — Walter Ratcliffe

[The Ippy Dippy](#) — Seamus O'Hara

[Fast Track Motivation](#) — Dr. Martin Freeman

[Uplift Tees, Author](#) — Jermel Carr



Grooming, Image & Lifestyle

Self-care products and services supporting confidence, presentation, and professional presence.

[BeautyUBlink](#) — Shay Bey

[The Juice Club](#) — Tabitha Stevens

[Zae & Sam Bath Bombs](#) — Wilder Hudson



Wellness & Whole Man Health

Mental health, preventive care, CPR education, and whole-man vitality resources supporting restoration and resilience.

[A Chiropractic Healing](#) — Dr. Byron Jackson

[Care Alliance Health Center](#) — Jonathan Ballom

[CareSource & The Morrow Group](#) — Diauntae Morrow

[Case Comprehensive Cancer Center](#) — Calvin Tornes

[Humana Healthy Horizons in Ohio](#) — Akeia Long

[Hunter Wellness Center](#) — Dr. Lamar Hunter

[LIONH3ARTED](#) — Tuwan Spencer

[Quality SIRvice / Superpower Planner](#) — Sir A. Evans

[University Hospitals Cutler Center for Men](#) — Brady Payne

[Val Woods CPR LLC](#) — Valerie Woods



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Community & Connection Hub

Advocacy, systems navigation, education partnerships, and collaborative initiatives strengthening schools and neighborhoods.

[100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland, Inc.](#) — James Wade

[Coalition of Advocates](#) — Jay Jones

[Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative](#) — Theresa Burrage

[Cuyahoga Job & Family Services](#) — Tamika Watts-Lawrence

[Applied Academic Solutions](#) — Lathardus Goggins II

[Aspire Adult Literacy Program at NCA](#) — Carmine Stewart

[Metropolitan Cleveland Alliance of Black School Educators](#) — Dr. Robin Simmons

[Ministry of Reconciliation & Northeast Ohio Adopt-A-School Network](#) — Gail R. Reese

[Say Yes Cleveland](#) — Various Staff Members

[Starting Point](#) — Desiree Rivera



Career, Pathways & Economic Mobility

Workforce development, hiring opportunities, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and professional advancement connections.

[A Promise to Care EAST](#) — Toniqua Levy

[Breadwinners Academy](#) — Jason Lockett Sr.

[Cleveland Metropolitan School District](#) — Angela Wolfe

[City of Cleveland](#) — Darrick McDaniel

[Garfield Heights City School District](#) — Tasha Pettigrew

[Keller Williams Living](#) — Charles Rivers

[Maple Heights City Schools](#) — Tajuana N. Hunnicutt

[New Leaders](#) — Alex Rodriguez

[PNC Bank](#) — Nikki Anderson

[Tanisha Taylor Coaching](#) — Tanisha Taylor

[Teen Enterprise](#) — Tory Coats

[Warrensville Heights City School District](#) — Kenya Hunt

[Youngstown City School District](#) — Crystal Hawthorne



2026 MALE EDUCATORS & COMMUNITY SUMMIT

CLOSING CEREMONY: THE LEVEL UP CHARGE

THE CHARGE

The Summit concludes with a powerful, action-centered closing experience designed to bring the full message of the day together and send participants forward with clarity, commitment, and purpose.

The Summit does not end with applause. It ends with alignment.

After a full day of dialogue, strategy, wellness work, and brotherhood, participants return to the auditorium for the defining moment of the 2026 Male Educators & Community Summit — The Level Up Charge.

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CLOSING CEREMONY: THE LEVEL UP CHARGE

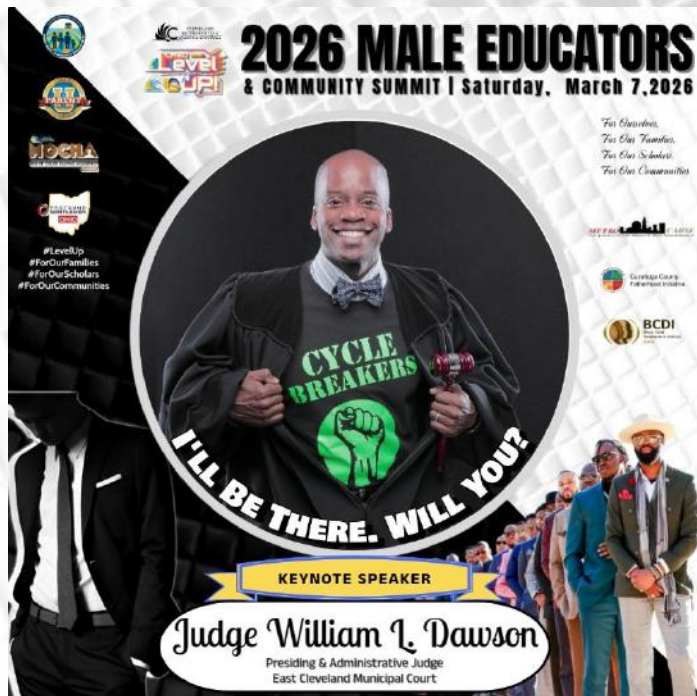
As President of CODE Media Group and the visionary behind CODE M Magazine, Brad leads a nationally recognized platform that elevates the brilliance, resilience, and lived experiences of men of color. Through bold storytelling and authentic engagement, he has positioned CODE M as more than a publication; it is a movement.

During the closing ceremony, Brad will:

- Welcome participants back from breakout sessions
- Frame and introduce Judge Dawson’s Level Up Charge
- Facilitate brief audience engagement
- Lead a powerful Habari Gani “Good News” moment
- Anchor the room before final instructions

His presence ensures the close is structured, intentional, and energizing.

The Level Up Charge



Delivered by [Judge William L. Dawson](#)

Administrative & Presiding Judge | East Cleveland Municipal Court

Judge William L. Dawson is the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the East Cleveland Municipal Court, a 500-hour certified yoga teacher, author, and nationally recognized motivational speaker. Known as “The Cycle Breaker,” he uniquely blends law, leadership,

and wellness to help individuals and communities rise beyond limiting systems and self-imposed barriers.



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Born, raised, and educated in East Cleveland, Judge Dawson experienced many of the same temptations and obstacles facing youth today. Those lived realities shaped his mission to reform systems, empower individuals, and break cycles through both accountability and opportunity.

He is the founder of The Yoga Lab Movement & Yoga Studio and the School of Transformation, and the author of *The Legal Matrix*, *99 Problems*, and *The Cycle Breaker*. His work has been featured on CNN, Court TV, Rolling Stone, and other national media outlets. Through his court programs, books, and speaking engagements, Judge Dawson is deeply committed to helping people live with clarity, discipline, and purpose — modeling what it means to lead with intention, accountability, and care.

Learn More: <http://www.judgedawson.com/>

What The Level Up Charge Will Do

The Level Up Charge serves as both a call and a commissioning, inviting men to reflect on what they have gained throughout the Summit and translate those insights into intentional leadership in their classrooms, homes, workplaces, and communities.

This moment challenges participants to move beyond inspiration and step fully into responsibility, accountability, and sustained action.

Judge William L. Dawson will call participants forward with clarity and conviction, focusing on:

- Key insights drawn from the day's workshops, conversations, and shared experiences
- The personal and collective commitments men take home as educators, fathers, mentors, and community leaders
- How men support one another beyond the Summit through connection, accountability, and brotherhood
- How this movement continues to grow and create impact well beyond a single day



2026 MALE EDUCATORS & COMMUNITY SUMMIT

CLOSING CEREMONY: THE LEVEL UP CHARGE

A Commissioning, not a Dismissal

We appreciate your involvement and engagement in The Level Up Summit and know that this closing activity is not a dismissal, but a commissioning.

We hope you leave:

- Energized
- Accountable
- Connected
- Aligned
- Charged

Ready to Level Up for yourself, your family, your scholars, and your community.

This is not the end. This is the charge.



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Even in uncertainty.

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- Online at cityfresh.org
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GREATER CLEVELAND FOOD BANK COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

15500 South Waterloo Road | Cleveland, OH 44110



Welcome to the Greater Cleveland Food Bank's Community Resource Center. We reduce barriers by providing access to healthy food and social services agencies all under one roof: a "one-stop shop" for community members where they can find food assistance and a variety of resources, like housing, employment, and healthcare.

Partners include:

- Benjamin Rose
- Carmella Rose
- Cleveland Animal Protective League
- Cuyahoga Community College
- Cuyahoga County Jobs and Family Services
- DigitalC
- Family Connections
- Greater Cleveland Works
- Legal Aid Society of Cleveland
- MAGNET
- MetroHealth Clinic
- Shoes and Clothes for Kids
- Step Forward
- The Diaper Bank of Greater Cleveland
- Towards Employment
- United Way 211

March 2026 Market Hours

Monday	12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Tuesday	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Wednesday	11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am - 2:00 pm Appointments Only
Saturday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm Open March 14 & 28 Appointments Only

Days and times are open for you to come and see our new center and learn about our collective approach to address the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Community Resource Center Vision: To create and offer a transformational community center that increases access to healthy foods and connects those that we serve to other key non-profit partners in a collaborative effort to reduce barriers and improve food security.



March 2026 Community Resource Center Building Hours

Monday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday & Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Wednesday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday: 8:30 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm Open March 14 & 28

Help Center: 216-738-2067



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Essay, Poem, Artwork, TikTok

Why & How To Stop The Violence You Can Enter All Categories

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3rd-5th \$100 6th-8th \$200 9th-12th \$300
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Entries Deadline: April 10, 2026
Awards & Recognitions Given During The National Youth
Violence Prevention Week: April 27th - May 1st, 2026

Turn in POEMS, ESSAYS & TikTok To:
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Become a "YOUNG VOICE AGAINST VIOLENCE"

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HAVE QUESTIONS? CONTACT US

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REENTRY MONTH 2026

BUILDING COMMUNITY, CREATING CHAMPIONS

REENTRY MONTH IS COMING!

Wed. April 1
Health and Wellness
Fair



Fri. April 10
Community Legal Clinic

Mon. April 13
"Why Didn't I Get Hired"
Resume and Workforce
Development Workshop



Tues. April 14
The Next Plate: Serving
Up New Chances
Culinary Battle



Thurs. April 16
Spring into Workforce
Career Fair

Mon. April 20
Reentry
Simulation

Fri. April 24
Fines and Fees Summit

Wed. April 29
Charles R. See Forum
on Reentry

Wed. April 29
An Evening of Reentry
Arts and Culture
Showcase

Thurs. April 30
Community Game Day

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2026 MALE EDUCATORS & COMMUNITY SUMMIT

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

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We're excited to share that **educators who participate in the full day of the 2026 Male Educators & Community Summit: Level Up** are eligible to receive **Continuing Education Units (CEUs)** for their active participation.

What This Means

- Educators who attend the full Summit day may earn **7 contact hours*** (based on the actual instructional time of the day), which equals **0.7 CEUs**, based on Ohio's standard conversion (10 contact hours = 1 CEU).
- This opportunity recognizes the Summit as a meaningful professional learning experience focused on leadership, wellness, family engagement, and community impact.

Who Is Eligible for CEUs?

For the purposes of this professional learning opportunity, **"educators"** are defined as individuals who are **currently employed by a public, private, or charter school system** and hold a **valid teaching license or educator credential**, including but not limited to instructional, administrative, or student-support credentials.

CEUs are awarded only to eligible educators who meet employment, credentialing, and full-day participation requirements.



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PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Free Access to The Ippy Dippy

As an added professional learning benefit, educator attendees will receive **free access to [The Ippy Dippy](#) through June 30, 2027.**

Created by local school administrator **Seamus O'Hara**, The Ippy Dippy is a professional learning management platform that helps educators track, validate, and document learning from:

- Books
- Podcasts
- Articles
- Videos
- Conferences
- Professional conversations
- Other learning experiences

All learning is organized into a **lifelong professional learning record**, helping educators maintain clear documentation of their growth over time.

Summit Educator Benefits

Educators attending the Summit will receive:

- **Free individual educator accounts through June 30, 2027**
- **All Summit sessions and professional learning hours are automatically recorded** in attendee accounts after the event
- **40% discount** for any school, district, or organization that joins during the Summit
- **20% ongoing discount** for Summit participants and their organizations afterward

The platform helps simplify the process of documenting professional learning and supports educators in maintaining an organized record for LPDC or district requirements.

Built by educators for educators, **The Ippy Dippy recognizes that meaningful professional growth happens both inside and outside of formal training sessions.**



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PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

For CMSD Educators

- CMSD staff will receive [specific instructions through the Office of Professional Development](#) on how to register for and receive credit for this learning opportunity.
- Participation requirements and verification steps will be communicated directly to ensure alignment with district processes.

For Educators Outside of CMSD

- Educators from neighboring districts will receive a **Certificate of Participation** documenting contact hours earned.
- This certificate may be submitted to your school district or governing body for CEU or professional learning approval, in accordance with your local policies.

Participation Expectations

- CEUs are awarded for **full-day, active participation** in Summit programming.
- Additional details regarding sign-in procedures and verification will be shared prior to the event.

We're proud to honor the professional growth of educators who choose to **Level Up—for themselves, their students, their families, and their communities.**

**Updated as of 3.5.2026*





2026 MALE EDUCATORS & COMMUNITY SUMMIT

THE LEVEL UP COLLECTIVE

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Presented in Partnership with David Ford Collections, LLC

This is more than a photo. It is a statement.

The Level Up Collective is our signature closing moment, capturing the spirit, strength, and solidarity of men and young men from across Northeast Ohio. In one powerful visual, participants stand together, visible and affirmed, united in excellence, leadership, and brotherhood.

Participants are invited to dress with intention in polished professional or business-casual attire, reflecting the dignity, pride, and professionalism that define this movement. This moment honors not only how we show up, but how we stand for one another.

Through the generosity and partnership of **David Ford Collections, LLC**, Summit participants were offered access to professional attire and preparation that ensured every man and scholar could step into this moment with confidence and care. This collaboration reflects the heart of the Summit, expanding access, affirming worth, and reinforcing that when men support men, communities rise.



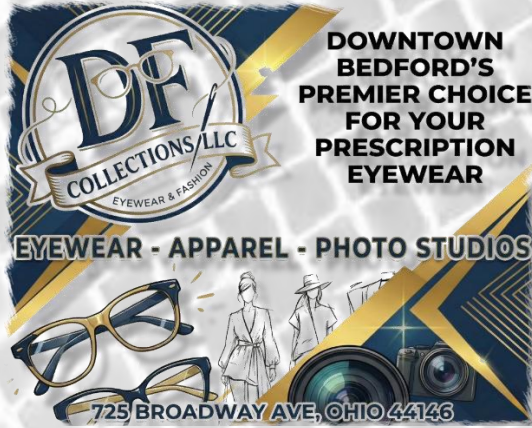


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THE LEVEL UP COLLECTIVE

The resulting group photo and video will remain a lasting symbol of what is possible when we commit to leadership, presence, and purpose together.

We encourage participants and supporters to continue patronizing David Ford Collections, LLC, sustaining a local business that invests in access, dignity, and the preparation of our community.



*This is a moment to be seen.
A moment to belong.
A moment to
Level Up—together.*



2026 MALE EDUCATORS & COMMUNITY SUMMIT

THE LEVEL UP!

THANK YOU

Because This Movement Is Collective

The 2026 Male Educators & Community Summit is not the result of one organization, one voice, or one moment. It is the result of collaboration, commitment, and community.

We extend our sincere gratitude to every individual and organization who helped bring this vision to life.

To Our Program Partners

Thank you for believing in this work and investing in a space where men, educators, fathers, mentors, and community leaders can grow together. Your support strengthens leadership pipelines, wellness access, professional development, and community impact across Northeast Ohio.

Your partnership affirms that when men are supported, families and communities are strengthened.

2026 MALE EDUCATORS & COMMUNITY SUMMIT
PROGRAM PARTNERS

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- BCDI (Book Club Development Institute Ohio)
- Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative
- New Leaders (LEADERSHIP CHANGES EVERYTHING)
- The Literacy Cooperative

The Community Champions

- CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT (Division of Excellence & Culture)
- PROFOUND GENTLEMEN (OHIO)

The Legacy Partners

- EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER of Northeast Ohio
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THE LEVEL UP!

To Our Resource Marketplace Participants

Thank you for creating an environment of connection, access, and opportunity. Your presence provided tools, services, insight, and pathways that extend the Summit experience beyond a single day.

You helped transform a space into an ecosystem of empowerment.

To Our Workshop Presenters

Thank you for your preparation, transparency, scholarship, lived experience, and leadership. You created spaces for honest dialogue, practical strategy, emotional reflection, and courageous conversations.

Because of you, participants leave with more than notes. They leave with clarity, language, and next steps.

To Our Attendees

Thank you for showing up.

Thank you for leaning in.

Thank you for engaging fully in conversations that matter.

Your presence is proof that this work is needed, and that men are ready to lead with greater intention, accountability, and care. You are not spectators in this movement. You are builders of it.

To Our Planning Committee & Volunteers

Thank you for the countless hours of coordination, communication, logistics, and vision-casting required to make this Summit excellent. Your behind-the-scenes leadership created a seamless, dignified, and powerful experience for everyone in the room.



2026 MALE EDUCATORS & COMMUNITY SUMMIT

THE LEVEL UP!

This Is Bigger Than a Day

The Level Up Summit is not just an event. It is a commitment.
Even more, it is a declaration.

A commitment to:

- Strengthening men
- Supporting families
- Advancing scholars
- Building healthier communities

And a declaration that:

- Men are willing to grow.
- Leadership requires wellness.
- Accountability builds community.
- Community is strength.

We look forward to welcoming you back in 2027 for an even bigger and better experience — together.

Remember:

“Strong men build strong families.

Strong families build strong communities.

And strong communities change the world.”



2026 MALE EDUCATORS & COMMUNITY SUMMIT

THE LEVEL UP!

SUMMIT PLANNING COMMITTEE

The planning committee consists of leaders from across education, community organizations, and civic institutions who collectively shaped the vision, structure, and impact of this Summit.

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CMSD – Family & Community
Engagement

Brent Dean

CMSD – College & Career Readiness

Keith Langford

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Michele Pomerantz

City of Cleveland Office of Education



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Executive Leadership Acknowledgment

We extend special appreciation to **Chief External Affairs Officer Lisa Farmer Cole**, whose leadership of the district's External Affairs portfolio provides strategic oversight for Family and Community Engagement, communications, and community partnerships. Her commitment to strengthening relationships between schools and the broader community creates the conditions for initiatives like the Level Up Summit to thrive.

We also thank **Chief of Excellence and Culture Dr. Trent Mosley**, whose office provided institutional support for this Summit. As sponsor of the CMSD MOCHA Network and a champion for employee engagement and belonging, Dr. Mosley's leadership reflects the district's investment in cultivating excellence, culture, and support systems for male educators.

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Fame

**MARCH 20-22
PLAYHOUSE SQUARE**

CONCEIVED AND DEVELOPED BY **DAVID DE SILVA** TITLE SONG "FAME" WRITTEN BY **DEAN PITCHFORD & MICHAEL GORE**
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