



The Black Caucus
Foundation
of Michigan

P.E.A.C.E. MENTORING PROGRAM

RECOGNITION DINNER

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025

Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights
First Floor Multi-Function Room | 11687 American St., Detroit, MI 48204

BLACK CAUCUS FOUNDATION OF MICHIGAN

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide non-partisan, educational research, public policy development, and analysis of various issues of social and economic importance of Michigan's Black Communities, and to implement associated programs and services which enhance the quality of life for all children and families.



P.E.A.C.E. MENTORING PROGRAM RECOGNITION DINNER

Dear Friends, Partners, and Honorees,

Welcome to our P.E.A.C.E Mentoring Program Recognition Dinner. We are deeply honored to share this evening with each of you as we celebrate the powerful work, progress, and partnerships that continue to drive our mission forward.

Tonight is a celebration—not only of the incredible mentors, life coaches and mentees who are transforming lives, but also of the community members, supporters, and partners who make this work possible. Through mentorship, we are planting seeds of hope, resilience, and opportunity. Our mentors are the heart of this program, guiding young people through adversity and modeling paths toward healing and success.

At a time when our communities face real challenges, your presence here reminds us that hope is still stronger than fear, and unity is still more powerful than division. Together, we are building safer, more compassionate neighborhoods—one relationship at a time.

Thank you for your commitment, your courage, and your belief in the power of community. Whether you are a mentor, life coach, mentee, partner, or supporter, your role is vital—and tonight, we honor you.

With gratitude and hope,



Prof. Nicole T. Stallworth, MSA

Executive Director
Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan



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June 26, 2025



Dear friends of the Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan: Congratulations!

It is my esteemed pleasure to welcome all in attendance at *the Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan's 2025 P.E.A.C.E Community Violence Intervention Program* held on June 26, 2025, in Detroit, Michigan!

Congratulations to the program participants being recognized today. I commend you for your investment in time and participation that makes Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan's community violence intervention program successful. The collaboration between the Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan and its community partners is truly making a difference.

Thank you, students, parents, mentors, and staff, for understanding the power of making healthy choices while expressing resilience, leadership, making positive changes, engaging in service-learning opportunities and exposure to jobs, careers and college.

On behalf of the City of Detroit, I commend your unyielding commitment to provide guidance, encouragement, and life-changing opportunities that enhance the growth and well-being of our community and I thank you for all that you do. Keep up the great work.

Best Wishes,

Mike Duggan,
Mayor, City of Detroit



**DETROIT CITY COUNCIL – DISTRICT 5
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
MARY SHEFFIELD**



June 20, 2025



Dear Program Participants,

On behalf of the Detroit City Council, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of you for your participation in the P.E.A.C.E. Community Violence Intervention Program, and for the transformative work being recognized by the Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan.

The mission of P.E.A.C.E., *Protecting Every Adolescent through Conflict Resolution, Education, and Mentoring*, reflects the core values we must continue to uplift in our city. Your involvement, whether as a mentor or mentee, demonstrates a shared commitment to building safer, more empowered communities through leadership, resilience, and care.

To the mentees: you are the future of our city! Your willingness to engage in this program, to grow, and to lead is a testament to your strength and promise. Know that your voice, your dreams, and your journey matter, and we are proud of the progress you are making.

To the mentors: thank you for offering your time, wisdom, and support. Your role is invaluable, and your efforts are planting seeds of hope and change in the lives of young people across our city.

May this celebration serve not only as a moment of recognition but also as a reminder of the power of unity, mentorship, and purpose. I commend each of you and look forward to the continued positive impact of the P.E.A.C.E. Program throughout Detroit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Sheffield".

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Honorable Fred Durhal III
Council Member – District 7



Chair, Budget Finance and Audit
Vice Chair, Planning and Economic Development

Detroit City Council

June 20, 2025



Dear Program Participants,

Congratulations to the Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan and the P.E.A.C.E. Community Violence Intervention Program. I commend each of you for your commitment and the time you've dedicated to this impactful program which is committed to fostering resilience, leadership, and positive change by connecting young people with mentors who can provide guidance, encouragement, and life-changing opportunities

Your perseverance, dedication, and hard work are paving the way toward a future filled with greater opportunities and empowered choices.

As you celebrate this significant milestone, I encourage you to reflect on the relationships you've garnered and take pride in the personal growth and accomplishments you've achieved along the way.

A heartfelt thank you to the Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan for your unwavering support and for fostering a strong network through the P.E.A.C.E. initiative—**Protecting Every Adolescent through Conflict Resolution and Education**. Your mentorship and guidance are empowering the next generation of leaders.

To our future leaders, congratulations once again on your remarkable achievements. Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Durhal III".

Honorable Fred Durhal III
Detroit Council Member - District 7



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June 20, 2025

Dear Program Participants:

As Chief of the Detroit Police Department, it is my sincere pleasure to congratulate all of the 2025 Drug and Violence Free Ambassador Scholars. Your persistence and commitment in the involvement in learning to make good decisions and becoming role models for your peers is a tremendous asset to the city of Detroit and its surrounding communities.

The Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan's commitment in fostering resilience, leadership, and positive change by connecting young people with mentors who provide guidance, encouragement, and life-changing opportunities is essential. Their impact in building a mentorship network foundation is influential in building strong and engaging mentors that has had a lasting effect on our youth.

Because of the hard work and dedication of the professional leaders and mentors involved in the program, it has proven to be a tremendous success. I commend each of you as you continue to garner accomplishments and set new goals in building your future.

Again, I send my sincere congratulations and best wishes to the graduates for a very successful future.

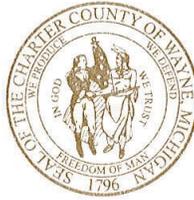
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Chief of Police



Alisha R. Bell
Commissioner District 7
and
Chair of the
Wayne County Commission

Wayne County Commission Office of the Chair



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Dear Program Participants,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan and the P.E.A.C.E Community Violence Intervention Program committed to fostering resilience, leadership and positive change for youths throughout our communities.

By connecting young people with mentors who are able to provide guidance and encouragement, life-changing opportunities arise, communities grow stronger, businesses are created and the City of Detroit and Wayne County continue to serve as the template for a more united and better America overall.

A strong mentorship network is necessary to achieve these goals and a thoroughly engaged team of mentors are the ingredients needed to create a positive and lasting impact. Protecting Every Adolescent through Conflict Resolution, Education and mentoring best describes the means to a brighter future for all.

At this time of celebration, I would like to congratulate all of the mentors and mentees as it was your willingness to work together and communicate that will prove beneficial toward all future endeavors. Enjoy this evening of recognition and many thanks to the Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan and the P.E.A.C.E Community Violence Intervention Program for their dedication in bringing out the best in all of us.

Sincerely,

Alisha R. Bell
Chairwoman
Wayne County Commission



RAPHAEL WASHINGTON
Wayne County Sheriff



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June 20, 2025

Dear Program Participants,

I am immensely proud of each one of you. Your dedication to learning, leading, and believing in a greater purpose positions you to shape not only your own futures, but also the future of your community. The impactful work you are doing will resonate throughout families, schools, and neighborhoods across Metro Detroit.

The P.E.A.C.E. Program thrives because the Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan firmly believes in the ability of young people to drive change, conquer challenges, and inspire others. Each of you exemplifies this powerful spirit.

You are now essential members of a growing network committed to resolving conflict through understanding and creating opportunities for all.

Thank you for stepping up, showing up, and striving for peace. Your potential is immense, and you are precisely the type of individual we want to see join our agency in the future. You have my deepest gratitude and unwavering support in your journey towards peace and community leadership.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raphael Washington".

Raphael Washington
Wayne County Sheriff

"Safer communities through effective, professional law enforcement."

BLACK CAUCUS FOUNDATION OF MICHIGAN HISTORY



Founding Board Members: Atty. Richard White, Jack Martin, Rep. Alma Stallworth, Don Davis, and Dr. Charles Tucker

Founded by the Honorable Alma G. Stallworth during her tenure in the Michigan Legislature while serving as Chair of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus; the Foundation was established as a 501-c3 tax exempt organization dedicated to the creation and delivery of service programs which improve the economic circumstances and quality of life for Michigan's African American citizenry.

The Foundation's creation evolved from a segment of social-economic and political history which continues to frame the advancement of Black America. At the base of this history was the understanding of a cross section of Black leaders that intellectual resources were needed to support research dedicated to the development and implementation of public policy initiatives critical to the well-being of Black people in America and around the globe.

Prior to 1983, when James J. Blanchard was elected Michigan Governor and Gary Owen was elected Speaker to the Michigan House of Representatives, the only African American staffers at the State Capitol were those working in the offices of Black legislators. During this time there were no African American policy analysts serving on the central policy staffs of the Michigan House or Senate; and with limited exception, only a meager number worked in State agencies, departments or in private sector governmental affairs capacities. Without policy perspectives developed specifically by African Americans; African American legislators, the legislature as a whole and the Executive Branch were limited in both policy perspective and resolution options regarding the challenges facing Michigan's African American community.

In 1984, Representative Stallworth, Senator David Holmes and Senator Jackie Vaughn, III with the assistance of KB Stallworth, a marketing & syndication executive for Scott & Fetzer Corp; and Steve Zimmerman, a senior partner in the law firm of Dykema Gossett;

convened a meeting with a cross section of Michigan's most successful and respected African Americans to formulate plans for what was to be the newly formed Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan. Among them was Jack Martin, the principle of the most successful African American accounting firm in Michigan; and Dr Karl Gregory, an economist and professor who had successfully created two African American owned financial institutions; Dr. Charles Tucker, one of the nation's most successful sports agents and psychologists; Atty. Richard White, a principle from one of the nation's most respected African American law firms; and Don Davis, a renowned music producer and song writer who was also the principle shareholder of Michigan's only African American owned bank.

In 1985, these individuals, working in collaboration with the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus, organized the Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan's Legislative Internship Program to serve as a feeder system for African Americans interested in the pursuit of public policy related careers in state government. The program would also serve as a "front-line" research program charged with developing solutions to public policy inequities that affected the black communities of Michigan.

Revolutionary in its design, the internship program provided 12 academic credits to minority students recruited from Michigan State, Wayne State and the University of Michigan for one academic quarter of governmental affairs service, and/or submission of a policy paper (with collaboration of a Black legislator) detailing solutions to an issue adversely impacting African Americans. State policies regarding the use of minority contractors, goals of minority procurement, lottery contract expenditure distribution, auto insurance, public and private sector African American appointments, tax reversion, adolescent teen pregnancy, drug and smoking prevention are issues that have all been impacted by Foundation initiatives stimulated by the Intern Program Research.

Today, the Foundation's internship model has been replicated in university systems throughout the nation. Its success in the 1980's has opened the doors for governmental affairs occupations for African American professionals in the legislature, executive branch, fiscal agencies, state departments, and private sector. Now, more than twenty years later, the challenge continues for the Foundation to serve as a critical intellectual link between Michigan policy makers, business leaders, service organizations and the community. There remains a need to frame, refocus and remind decision makers of the critical need for "vertical integration" of African Americans throughout the public policy process to ensure fair and equitable treatment. Nothing exemplifies this need better than the current absence of a single African American in the Capitol Press Corps during a time when media coverage of black experiences and perspectives are essential to improved race relations and equitably addressing Michigan's social and economic woes.

The Foundation is dedicated to the development and implementation of programs and initiatives that effectively address issues such as these. Critical to these endeavors will be continued efforts to educate decision makers, both White and Black, to Michigan's African American political history and advocacy for the vertical integration of minorities into business and government operations for future generations to come.



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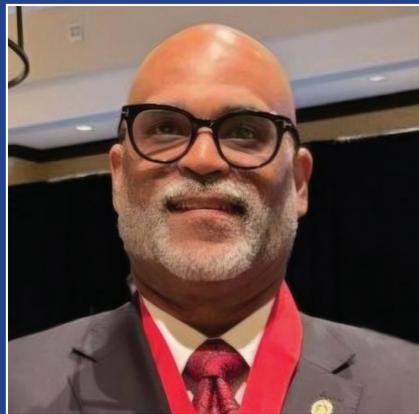
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**MISTRESS OF
CEREMONY**

DR. ANGELA MAY

Native Detroit Dr. Angela Celeste May has a background in clinical, organizational and forensic psychology. Dr. May is an editor of several books, an author of several articles and the book, *Freedom: What is the Experience of Living Without Negative, Self-Imposed Limitations?* from which she created a five-week workshop at Oakland Community College. She was formerly a professor of undergraduate and graduate students in the Social Sciences and Humanities departments at the University of Phoenix and a Dissertation Chair in their School for Advanced Studies for students pursuing doctorate degrees in a variety of fields.

A sought-after public speaker and behavioral expert, Dr. Angela has been a guest lecturer at Baker College and in the doctoral clinical psychology program at the University of Detroit-Mercy. She has also accepted many invitations to share her knowledge locally, regionally, and nationally in person and in print, radio, television and film. Some of these appearances include *Essence Magazine*, *National Association of Black Journalists*, the film, *Life Afraid: The Reality of Gun Violence on Our Youth* (2019), and movie, *TRISTA* (2019).

Dr. May is also an accomplished vocalist, multi-instrumentalist, composer, producer, recording artist and music educator. A professional musician since age twelve, she earned a degree in Voice Performance from Marygrove College. As a soloist with the Marygrove Chamber Singers her performances included Ireland and tours of Russia and the Southern U.S.A. After graduating she continued performing live and in media including at Carnegie Hall, and she and her band (which included her brother, drummer Leon Dale May) were invited to perform in the movie *SOLOMON* (2019). Maintaining a private studio of music students for over twenty years, she founded Celeste Productions, Inc. through which she produced two CDs of original music and produced and directed music videos. Dr. May also accepted invitations to join the faculty in the former Voice department at Marygrove College, to serve as vocal consultant for the Detroit Youth Choir, a Judge at NAACP National ACT-SO Competition – Instrumental Division, and as a consultant for the former Artist Empowerment Coalition which was created in part by Prince and Stevie Wonder, as a consultant.

Currently, she is President of A.M. May & Associates, Inc., a counseling, consulting and coaching company (which she co-founded while she was still a doctoral student) with her sister, Michelle Ann May, M.A., L.P., President of Celeste Productions, Inc., and a professor in the Psychology at Wayne County Community College District. She is the first Black Chair-Elect of the Michigan Health Counsel Board of Trustees in their 82-year history, Executive Board Member of the Metro Detroit Association of Black Psychologists which she co-founded, Executive Board member of The Society, Inc.- Greater Detroit chapter, volunteer member of the Drug Free Youth in Detroit Advisory Board and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Her numerous awards include the Distinguished Alumni Award from Marygrove College, Who's Who in Black Detroit, and the President's Distinction Award for outstanding contributions to her field from the Michigan Psychological Association Foundation Board.

She continues to enjoy world travel and is happily married to her life-long love and best friend, the brilliant, talented, and unfailingly supportive Mr. Richard Donaldson Scott.



MIA REID

Mia Reid is a Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor & Certified Trauma Professional and the founder of Change Happens Today, a Mental Health Private Practice that offers a safe space for those struggling emotionally and for others needing positive “Life Changes.”

She is also a community leader helping marginalized families through the Charles W. Reid (CWR) Community Help Center in memory of her Son, Charles W. Reid, whose life was taken by Gun Violence in 2011.

The Charles W. Reid (CWR) Community Help Center is a 501(c) (3) Nonprofit that services the City of Detroit and focuses on families impacted by gun violence and poverty.

Mia Reid focuses on partnering with likeminded organizations to increase community violence intervention, and policy that aids in the prevention of community violence.

As a Therapist and Community Activist, her vision and purpose is to help those in the community that need it most by providing advocacy, resources, social justice, wrap-around services, and sharing her journey so that others may realize they are not alone.

RECOGNITION DINNER PROGRAM

Request to Stand for Star Spangled BannerDr. Angela C. May
President, A.M. May & Associates and President, Celeste Production

Mistress of CeremoniesDr. Angela C. May
President, A.M. May & Associates and President, Celeste Production

WelcomeLt. Rodney Sizemore
Detroit Police Lieutenants & Sergeants Association

Invocation.....Pastor Dr. Nelson A. Henry
Faith Leader

P.E.A.C.E. CVI Program Participant RemarksPrincess Bomer
Student Leader, Frank Cody High School

Skills Trade Guest Speaker Remarks.....Jerry Carlisle
Facility Training Coordinator, Detroit Carpenters Apprenticeship School

Introduction of Guest Speaker.....Dr. Shinese Johnson
Director of School Based & Community Programs, Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan

Guest Speaker.....Mia Reid, MA, LPC, CCTP
Founder of the Charles W. Reid Community Help Center

Recognition of 2025 P.E.A.C.E. CVI Program ParticipantsMr. Darryl Campbell,
Isanea Joseph, Krystal Kidd-Hemmings, and Tonya Warren
Community Violence Intervention Life Coaches, Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan

Closing RemarksMr. Chase Swoope

Dinner and Music served after the recognition program
Musical Selection by: City of Groove Youth Band

MENTORING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

**FRANK CODY
HIGHSCHOOL**

Aniya Alderman

Ali Aljashami

Dasha'Lene Allison

Deshawn Bowers

Myrical Campbell

George Clanton

Kiyon Curry

James Gordon-hicks

DeShira Graham

Markus Hillery

Johnnie Horton

Vernon Martin

Maya Mayes

Alajah Pettway

Raina Richardson

Marcus Ward

**SAMPSON WEBBER
LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

Anje'Lia Emanuel

Allure Harris

Briana Hendersom

Bianca Henry

Khloe Herrod

Madysen Jones

Ami'yah Lee

Raquel London

Mi'Angel Mitchell

Zalisa Murrell

Saniya Parker

Davon Roberts

Madison Smith

London West

**WARREN E. BOW
ELEMENTARY-MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

Alayah Bailey

Alayah Campbell Wade

Kendrick Dismuke

Brandin Edwards

Dylan Edwards

Malena Givhan

La'Niyah Grays

Destini Hardeman

Maryah Hill

Calvin Jones

Steven McDonalds

Sampler

London Pendleton

Anthony Powers

Chase Scott

Alayah Wooten

Janiyha Wright

**NOBLE ELEMENTARY-
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Brooklyn Bryant

Kalaiah Colvin

Zia'Onna Currie

Farrah Fields

Dontaviah Hall

Faith Haney

Mariah Harris

Denver Knox

Ma'kyla Lanier

Alayjah Molina

Perfection Turner

Savannah Tye

Lauren Underwood

**SAMUEL C. MUMFORD
HIGH SCHOOL**

Ihriel Mitchell

EXPOSURE EQUALS EXPERIENCE

In late spring, 800 students in the Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan’s P.E.A.C.E. Community Violence Intervention Program as well as the Navigation To Success School Based Life Skills Program who sign a drug-free pledge, are rewarded by spending a day learning about careers in the engineering and construction fields through a variety of speakers and hands-on experiences.

The Construction Science Expo is dedicated to the creation and delivery of educational experience that will improve the economic circumstances and quality of life for Detroit’s youth. Over 5,000 youth have been exposed to careers in engineering and construction trades.











The Black Caucus
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PRESENTS



P.E.A.C.E.
 YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM

Back to School P.E.A.C.E. Family Walk/Run

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Tindal Activity Center
 10301 W. SEVEN MILE RD
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Registration: 10:00 AM
 Rally Begins: 11:00 AM
 P.E.A.C.E. Walk: 11:30 AM

- Exciting Games & Activities
- Food Trucks
- Mobile Dentist
- Health & Wellness Screening
- Free Backpack Giveaway



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This program is made possible with the support of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Violence Intervention Services



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MENTORS NEEDED

Developing a strong mentorship network is key for the expansion of our “P.E.A.C.E.” Community Violence Intervention Program. We are actively seeking mentors to support middle and high school youth through our mentorship initiative.

SUPPORT A YOUTH TODAY

“P.E.A.C.E.”
(PROTECTING EVERY ADOLESCENT THROUGH CONFLICT
RESOLUTION, EDUCATION AND MENTORING).

Scan the code to Apply



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To All Parent and Student Participants

