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Florida Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Engages with Community through School Visit and Scholarship Breakfast Participation

TALLAHASSEE, FL —January 12th, 2025 — The Florida Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys is pleased to announce its participation in two impactful events aimed at advancing opportunities and fostering connections within the community. These events underscore the Council's unwavering commitment to enhancing the social and educational experiences of Black males in Florida.

On January 17th, 2025, the Council will conduct a site visit at **Lauderhill 6-12 STEM-MED Magnet School** in Lauderhill, FL. During this visit, Council members will engage directly with the school's Black male population, faculty, and staff. The agenda includes introductory presentations highlighting the Council's purpose, mission, and strategic direction. This interaction represents a vital opportunity for the Council to gain a deeper understanding of the communities it serves through its research efforts. The Council commends Principal Dr. Ryan Reardon for his dedicated leadership and commitment to fostering equity in education and uplifting all students, regardless of their background. Dr. Reardon's profound work in ensuring equitable opportunities has been instrumental in enhancing local communities and inspiring future generations. The Council also wants to highlight the school's faculty and staff for their commitment and dedication to serving our students and ensuring their safety and educational foundation for future sustainability.

The following day, on **January 18th, 2025**, Council members will attend the **5000 Role Models of Excellence 32nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Breakfast** at the Miami



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Beach Convention Center. This profound event celebrates the legacy of Dr. King by supporting educational opportunities for our deserving Black male population. As part of the program, Council members will be inducted as role models into the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project by Congresswoman Frederica Wilson, further cementing their commitment to mentorship and leadership for young Black males across the state.

“These events are pivotal to advancing the mission of the Florida Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys,” said Terrell Nelson, Executive Director. “By engaging directly with students, educators, and community leaders, we aim to address challenges and celebrate achievements that impact Black males in Florida. The Council remains dedicated to advocating for equitable opportunities and fostering meaningful change.”

The Council’s participation in these events aligns with its broader goals of promoting understanding, addressing disparities, and advocating for systematic improvements that enhance the quality of life for Black males throughout Florida. Through research, policy recommendations, and community engagement, the Council seeks to create pathways for success and the overall well-being for our Black males.

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