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NJ State NAACP supports the HBCU College Fair
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Dear Members & Friends of the NAACP:

The New Jersey State Convention of the NAACP recently passed a resolution at its State convention to support The Malcolm Bernard Historically Black Colleges and Universities College Fair of New Jersey. This is an opportunity for the NAACP to be part of a major effort to connect our students with Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair of New Jersey takes place November 14-20, 2009.

Over 40 historically Black colleges will be present, featuring schools such as Howard, Hampton, Lincoln University of Pennsylvania, Morgan State and Tuskegee University. Students are able to meet with college admissions directors and admissions counselors from over 40 HBCU campuses. They are able to gain valuable information about HBCUs and receive on-site admissions and application fee waivers. Scholarships are also available.

The enclosed 2009 HBCU Week flyer provides details about the 5 regional locations throughout the state and highlights features of the fair including motivational speakers and workshops. Examples of workshop topics include: financial aid, scholarships, and HBCU panel. These workshops assist students in making decisions related to continuing their education and provide valuable information for those interested in returning to New Jersey to make contributions to the growth and development of the state. The New Jersey State Conference wants all units to disseminate this information through their education committees. We want to ensure that all schools in your individual areas are aware of the fair and are taking steps to ensure that our students attend. The NJ Department of Education who is a partner in this program has sent flyers, registration and student preparation materials to all New Jersey high schools. Please be sure that your local high schools are aware and complete their registration by October 16, 2009.

Please send this information out to your branch members and if you have a website, post it on your website. Of special interest for attendance by ACTSO and other NAACP youth groups and their parents is Sunday, November 15th at the Trenton War Memorial. That program begins with an Ecumenical Service being held from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM followed immediately by the HBCU College Fair.

Lastly, we need your help - you can support an activity that identifies with our youth volunteering your time. If you or any of your members are interested in volunteering please see the attached 2009 Volunteer Form.

The NJ State Conference is supporting our youth - will you help?

Yours in Unity,
Theodore R. Carrington