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BLACK MALE STUDENT SUCCESS SUMMIT: MARCH 2-4

***A²MEND's 15th Annual Summit Unites Black Male College Students with Educators
to Increase Success of African American Males in Higher Education***

LOS ANGELES – February 17, 2022 – A²MEND's 15th Annual African American Male Summit kicks off March 2-4 to bring together Black male college students and educators to encourage their success in California's community college system. Held at the Hyatt LAX Hotel in Los Angeles, the Summit is given each year as part of A²MEND's mission of increasing Black male student success in community colleges throughout the state. The event is organized by African American Male Education Network & Development (A²MEND), a nonprofit comprising African American male educators who voluntarily use their professional expertise to operate a statewide mentoring program for Black male college students.

The Summit headlines a panel of impact leaders – actor and author Hill Harper, educator Dr. Chris Emdin and businesswoman Ivy McGregor – who will lead a discussion under the event's theme, "A Radical Reimagination of Black Male Student Success." The Summit also features a student panel who will discuss ways that African American students can thrive in the college experience. The event's pre-conference day will host the Women's Leadership Institute to give African American female college educators an opportunity to network and discuss topics relating to Black women in higher education.

The Summit also includes a career fair as well as a college recruitment fair. The event is open to the public and is expected to draw hundreds of African American college students, educators and administrators from across the state. To learn more about the Summit and to register, please visit a2mend.net.

The African American Male Education Network & Development (A²MEND) organization is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit led by African American male educators who utilize their scholarly and professional expertise to foster institutional change within California's community college system to increase success of African American male students. Since establishing the organization in 2006, A²MEND has served as the premiere nonprofit solely focused on addressing the lack of educational success for African American male students in community colleges.

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