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**A²MEND WELCOMES EDUCATORS TO GHANA THIS MONTH TO REIMAGINE
HOW TO BETTER SERVE AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE COLLEGE STUDENTS**

***Historic All African Diaspora Education Summit Sept. 19-24
Provides a Purposeful Space for Inspiring Dialogue on Black Student Success***

LOS ANGELES – September 9, 2022 – The African American Male Education Network & Development (A²MEND) organization has invited educators and thought leaders to the University of Cape Coast, Ghana to join them at the *All African Diaspora Education Summit* held September 19-24. This first-ever inaugural summit will create a dynamic, unprecedented space and opportunity for educators to freely and unapologetically reimagine how they teach and serve Black students.

A²MEND comprises African American male educators who voluntarily use their scholarly and professional expertise to foster institutional change within California’s community college system by operating mentoring programs for Black male students. A²MEND joined the Obokese Foundation and other partners in co-sponsoring the summit due to their joint belief in the vital importance of African American educators redefining their value system and bringing back to their college campuses the African way of life that is embedded in excellence as exhibited for the many generations of Ghanaian culture.

“The *All African Diaspora Education Summit* aligns with A²MEND’s work of nurturing Black men to succeed in higher education by helping them feel a sense of brotherhood and connection with their ancestral heritage,” said Dr. Amanuel Gebru, President of A²MEND. “We hope our summit serves as a transformational experience that will help educators make an even greater impact on the lives of Black male college students.”

About 600 educators are expected to attend the summit, which will feature globally renowned African centered, liberatory practitioners and scholars. Internationally recognized keynote speakers and facilitators will enable attendees to network and engage in liberatory practices that will ensure deep reflection and create reinvigorated action. Through the summit, the organizers seek to honor the platform of the government of Ghana’s policy initiative of “Beyond the Return.” This policy initiative calls for the global African family to return to Africa to participate in the rebuilding process of connecting to their African-centric ancestry, thus restoring their cultural identity – as heritage awareness has proven to support a Black student’s educational success.

For more information about the *All African Diaspora Education Summit*, please visit [here](#).

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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