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Media/Calendar Advisory

Conference examines strategies for closing the academic achievement gap affecting African-American children

Wayne State University and University of South Carolina host venue for researchers to present cutting edge research in early childhood programs and K-12 school districts nationwide

WHAT:

“The African-American Child in School Conference on Research Directions,” sponsored by the Institute for the Study of the African-American Child (ISAAC), Wayne State University, College of Education; and University of South Carolina, College of Education

This conference is designed to bridge the gap between research and practice in education. All researchers and practitioners who are interested in the latest strategies for closing the academic achievement gap that affects African-American children should attend.

WHEN:

May 3-6, 2009

WHERE:

Hilton Oceanfront Resort, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

Conference Keynote Speakers:

Opening Plenary Session, Monday, May 4, 2009

Dr. A. Wade Boykin, Professor, Cognitive Experimental Developmental Psychology; Executive Director, Capstone Research Institute, Howard University
“Fostering High Achievement for African American Students: What the Research Says”

Closing Plenary Luncheon, Wednesday, May 6, 2009

Dr. V.P. Franklin, Presidential Chair and Distinguished Professor in History and Education, University of California Riverside; Editor, Journal of African American History

“The Scholar-Activist Tradition and Research on African American Education”

Conference Sponsors/Planning Committee:

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Conference presenters representing:

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South Carolina State University

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