

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY MEN OF COLOR INITIATIVE
PRESENTS

MEN OF COLOR SUMMIT '24

EMPOWERMENT THROUGH UNITY: CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

APRIL 26TH

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WELCOME

MESSAGE

Welcome to the Men of Color Summit!

We are thrilled to gather here today, bringing together a diverse tapestry of experiences, backgrounds, and aspirations under one roof. This summit stands as a beacon of empowerment, a platform for dialogue, and a catalyst for change in the lives of men of color. As we embark on this transformative journey, let us embrace the richness of our collective heritage and the strength found in our unity. Here, amidst the challenges and triumphs that shape our identities, we find solidarity, inspiration, and the courage to defy barriers.

Throughout this summit, we will delve into critical conversations, share invaluable insights, and forge meaningful connections that transcend boundaries. Together, we will explore avenues for personal growth, professional advancement, and holistic well-being, reaffirming our resilience and agency in a world in constant flux.

With open hearts and minds, let us seize this opportunity to celebrate our diversity, amplify our voices, and chart a course towards a brighter, more inclusive future. Together, we will navigate the complexities of our shared journey, empowered by the knowledge that our collective strength knows no bounds.

Welcome to the Men of Color Summit – where dreams take flight, barriers are shattered, and a new era of possibility begins. Let us embark on this transformative odyssey, united in purpose and driven by the unwavering resolve to shape our destinies and inspire generations to come. Thank you for being part of this momentous occasion. The journey ahead is ours to navigate, and together, we will rise.

Welcome, and let the summit begin!

Dr Patrick Turner

Vice President–Student Academic Success
NMSU Men of Color– Coordinator & Advisor



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY 25TH

Registration - NMSU Aggie Lounge (3 PM - 6 PM)

Meet and Greet Mixer - NMSU Aggie Lounge (7 PM - 10 PM)

FRIDAY 26TH

Registration - Corbett Center Ballroom (8AM)

Introductions - Corbett Center Ballroom (8:30 AM - 9 AM)

Dr. Patrick Turner

Joel Gonzalez Para -President, NMSU Men of Color

Eric Enriquez - Las Cruces Mayor

Interim NMSU President - Jay Gogue

Opening Keynote

(9AM - 9:50 AM)

Derrick Lewis II (NAACP)

MORNING BREAKOUT SESSION (10 AM - 12 PM)

Building Generation Wealth: Empowering Through Entrepreneurship
(10 AM - 10:50 AM)

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind (10 AM - 10:50 AM)

Black Futurism (11 AM - 11:50 AM)

Cultivating Excellence: Leadership Skills For Men of Color
(11 AM - 11:50 AM)

LUNCH BREAK - Corbett Center Ballroom (12 NOON - 1 PM)

Dr Renay Scott - VP of Student Success

AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSION (1:30 PM - 3:30 PM)

Cultivating Excellence: Unlocking Potential in STEM Education & Careers
(1:30 PM - 2:20 PM)

Arts and Creative Expression: Voices of Diversity (1:30 PM - 2:20 PM)

Act Like A Student, Think Like A Brand (2:30 PM - 3:20 PM)

Mental Health Matter: Cultivating Wellbeing (2:30 PM - 3:20 PM)

CLOSING KEYNOTE - Corbett Center Ballroom (3:45 PM - 4:30 PM)

Abraham Sculley

Empowered and Ready To Make A Change (4:30 PM - 5:00 PM)

WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Building Generational Wealth: Empowering Through Entrepreneurship

Carlos Cuesta - 10 AM | Dona Ana Room 312

The session will discuss how generational wealth empowers men of color to break cycles of economic disparity, offering opportunities for financial stability and legacy-building that can uplift entire communities

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind

Dr Temitope Ade-Oshifogun - 10 AM | Senate Gallery 304

This session will explore how prioritizing physical health fosters mental resilience, offering men of color the strength and clarity needed to navigate life's challenges with confidence and vitality.

Black Futurism

Tim Green IV - 11 AM | Dona Ana Room 312

In this session, attendees will delve into the visionary realm of Black futurism, showcasing how embracing Afrofuturist principles empowers men of color to reimagine their identities and destinies in a world of boundless possibilities.

Cultivating Excellence: Leadership Skills For Men of Color

Michael Baty - 11 AM | Senate Gallery 304

This session will uncover how honing leadership skills empower men of color to navigate and excel in diverse professional landscapes, fostering resilience, influence, and opportunities for advancement

Cultivating Excellence: Unlocking Potential in STEM Education & Careers

Raymond Berry III Ph.D - 1:30 PM | Senate Gallery 304

This session will explore how men of color students can leverage their unique perspectives and talents to excel in STEM fields, fostering innovation and diversity in scientific discovery.

Arts and Creative Expression: Voices of Diversity

Dr Eric House - 1:30 PM | Dona Ana Room 312

This session will explore how nurturing creative development empowers men of color to amplify their voices, express their identities, and shape narratives that redefine cultural norms and perspectives.

Act Like A Student, Think Like A Brand

Anna Cristina Vargas - 2:30 PM | Senate Gallery 304

Delve into the strategic realm of brand management, illuminating how men of color students can leverage their unique identities and experiences to cultivate authentic personal brands that resonate and thrive in today's world.

Mental Health Matters: Cultivating Wellbeing

Ms Kimberly York - 2:30 PM | Dona Ana Room 312

Let's highlight the importance of prioritizing mental health for men of color students, offering strategies to navigate challenges and cultivate resilience in academic and personal spheres.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Abraham Sculley (Mental Health Specialist)



Abraham Sculley understands the importance of using his story and experiences to educate and inspire others, whether during one-on-one conversations or while speaking to an audience. From his experience with depression, Abraham now facilitates workshops at the Boys and Girls Club of the Emerald Coast, has spoken to over 1000+ individuals including professionals in health care organizations, for-profit organizations, nationally acclaimed nonprofit agencies, college students and professors at major universities.

Abraham graduated from the University of West Florida with his bachelor's degree in Psychology. Abraham is now a certified Mental Health First Aid advocate and uses his passion to inspire others. He continues to use his story to promote the importance of mental health and assist others in reaching their highest potential in their physical, spiritual, and mental health.

Derrick Lewis II (Social Justice Activist)



Derrick Lewis II serves as the Field Manager of the NAACP Youth & College Division. In this role, he serves and supports more than 700 NAACP Youth & College units actively involved in the fight for civil rights across the country. Derrick brings eight years of experience in grassroots organizing and training on a state and local level as both a member, leader, and national staff. Derrick has increased unit capacity across the country with 212 newly chartered and reactivated NAACP units during his time in the Youth & College Division.

He has also worked on increasing voter registration and turnout for Black youth and campaigns around key issue areas such as gun violence and police accountability. Derrick is committed to building Black political power through youth leadership development, advocacy, and direct action.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Dr. Eric House



Michael Baty



Ana Vargas



Raymond Berry III Ph.D



Carlos Cuesta



Tim Green IV



Ms. Kimberly York



Temitope Ade-Oshifogun, MD

SPEAKERS' BIO

Michael Baty

Cultivating Excellence: Leadership Skills for Men of Color

Michael Baty currently serves as the Professional Learning Coordinator for the Black Education Act. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. where he currently serves as the Director of Educational Activities. Michael takes pride in being able to provide students in New Mexico with positive and high level learning experiences while advocating for the correct methods of teaching to be actively applied.

Temitope Ade-Oshifogun, MD

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind

Dr. Temitope Ade-Oshifogun (Dr. Ade) was born in Nigeria and moved with his family when he was very young. He has a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from The University of Illinois at Chicago in 2009. He subsequently went to The University of Ghana Medical School now called the University of Ghana School of Medicine & Dentistry and received his MB.ChB (Bachelors in Medicine and Surgery) in 2016.

Ana Cristina Vargas

Act Like A Student, Think Like A Brand

Cristina Vargas serves as a Marketing Communications Specialist at Arrowhead Center, where she concentrates on promoting programs such as Studio G, the University Center, and others. She holds a bachelor's degree in marketing and has over a decade of experience in the field. In her role, Cristina collaborates with cross-functional teams and mentors clients seeking marketing and branding guidance.

Carlos Cuesta

Building Generational Wealth: Empowering Through Entrepreneurship

Carlos Cuesta serves as the Program Director for Studio G and the Nusenda Fintech Lab. In these capacities, Carlos is at the forefront of fostering entrepreneurial spirit and advancing technological solutions in the financial sector. He holds an MBA with a Finance concentration from NMSU and the following certifications: LeanStack Level 1 Certified, Capitalization Tables Certified by Foresight, and Fintech Certification from the University of Chicago.

SPEAKERS' BIO

Ms. Kimberly York

Mental Health Matters: Cultivating Wellbeing

Kimberly D. York is a Doctoral Candidate at Grand Canyon University, completing a Ph.D. in Psychology with an emphasis in Organizational Psychology. She is a licensed mental health therapist with over 27 years of experience in organizational leadership, youth development, training facilitation, and racial and social justice. She excels in education and community-based development, strategic planning, and systemic transformation.

Dr. Eric House

Arts and Creative Expression: Voices of Diversity

Dr. Eric House is an assistant professor in the Department of English at New Mexico State University where he teaches the impact of culture and identity within writing and communication systems. His research investigates how black culture and history impact definitions and applications of writing. Currently, Eric investigates the influences of space and region within black rhetorical production, an interest that developed through reflections on his life growing up black in southern Arizona.

Tim Green IV

Black Futurism

Timothy Green IV is currently Culture Change Leader for the City of Albuquerque (CABQ) and excited to share his passion and expertise in Black history, education, and the politics of memory. As Culture Change Leader, Tim uses racial equity tools, qualitative and quantitative methods, curriculum design, and pedagogical instruction, facilitates workshops, system change, and policy analysis to help create and maintain an inclusive and equitable workforce culture for over 5,700 CABQ employees across 24 departments. Tim brings over a decade of teaching experience (both local and international) with emerging expertise at the intersection of history and the politics of education.

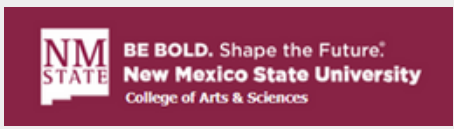
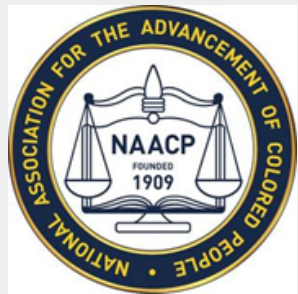
Raymond Berry III Ph.D

Cultivating Excellence: Unlocking Potential in STEM Education & Careers

Raymond Berry III is a PhD research scientist with 7+ years of laboratory and teaching experience with the purpose of advancing science and helping others. Experienced researcher in aging, oncological cell metabolism, animal behavior, neuroscience, and translational stroke research.



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