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MIZZOU BLACK MEN'S INITIATIVE

Gaines/Oldham
Student Life
PurPose

The Mizzou Black Men’s Initiative (MBMI) is a leadership development program provided by the Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center. We understand that leaving home can be challenging. Therefore, the purpose of the program is to assist in the successful transition of Black freshmen males into the collegiate environment. There are three pillars that guide the operation of the program: Support, Development, and Involvement. This program aims to foster a sense of belonging, promote engagement in the curricular and co-curricular life of the university, encourage self-responsibility, and articulate to students the benefits of a higher education and the expectations and values of the University.

Programs

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BONE MARROW DRIVE
BLOOD BROTHERS BLOOD DRIVE
ALTERNATIVE BREAKS

Black AIDS Day
Community Service

Peer Mentors

3 Pillars

1. Support
Students will be supported through the assessment of their needs early in the program. The instructors will work with the students to establish goals for their first year at MU, and then develop long-term goals for their college experience. Instructors will hold regular office hours and meetings with students as a means to check in with them on their experience at MU.

2. Development
Students will gain the necessary skills to emerge as student leaders on MU’s campus. This will be accomplished through several leadership activities, such as: Venture Out, StrengthsQuest, MU Leadership Academy, and an Alternative Spring Break experience. Lastly, students will engage in meaningful community service projects that give back to the MU community, as well as Columbia, MO.

3. Involvement
Participants will have various campus departments and leaders on campus visit the SSC 1150 class to speak to the students. This will expose students to campus resources, encourage them to become involved in student organizations, allow them to attend various events on campus, as well as interact with faculty/staff at MU and community members.