



Milwaukee Boys and Men of Color Week

Highlighting the Advances of Boys and Men of Color

September 30 – October 5, 2019

Mayor Tom Barrett has designated September 30 – October 5, 2019 as the 6th annual Boys and Men of Color Week. During the week, a powerful series of events will occur to highlight the success, contribute solutions, and address the challenges faced by boys and men of color. Event organizers: Office of Mayor Tom Barrett; Office of Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton; City of Milwaukee Department of Administration, Milwaukee County–Office on African American Affairs, United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County; Milwaukee Area Technical College–Men of Color; Milwaukee Public Schools–Black & Latino Male Achievement; MENTOR Greater Milwaukee, and Journey House.

“Moving Minds Forward”

Monday — Education and Opening

Time: 8:00–10:00 am Breakfast
Location: MATC Room M605
Objectives: Opening and networking session for Boys and Men of Color Week to
(1) launch and celebrate the beginning of BMOC's week of activities,
(2) introduce the history and diversity of work that's happening in the city, and
(3) discuss the critical and catalytic role of our educational institutions in the success of boys and men in color in Milwaukee.

Tuesday – ART START Portrait Project – SEE ME BECAUSE

Time: 5:00 –8:00 pm
Location: Kenilworth Gallery East, 2155 North Prospect Ave.
Objective: A multi – media platform from BLMA young man of color to portray the complex narratives about their identities, asking the world to see them for how they choose to be seen.

Wednesday – A Full Day of Mindfulness

Time: 9:00 – 11:00 am and 2 – 4 pm
Location: United Way – Volunteer Center #3
Objective: To continue to engage Boys and Men of Color in the “Power of Breath”. Mindfulness helps to reduce stress, improve health, and increase quality of life with simple breathing techniques.

Wednesday Afternoon

Time: Noon – 1:30 pm
Location: MATC, Room 605
Objective: “SAVE ME” – a short film directed by Soon Loh Vue. What began as a Hmong-American play presented at UW-Milwaukee in 2018 by local students has become an essential work of art, exploring issues of mental and emotional health in Milwaukee's Hmong community.

Wednesday Evening – Breadth and Breath

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Location: UBUNTU Research and Evaluation, 1950 MLK Dr.
Objective: A 90-minute workshop about the self-work and community work necessary to bring about the type of healing that will move us forward collectively. Come engage around the critical nature of our breath and nutrition followed by a real talk about what forgiveness and reconciliation will do for the Black Men and Boys in Milwaukee. This is an intergenerational session, so please bring a mentee, mentor, young person, student, or friend as we do this work together.

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Thursday - MPS First Thursdays Mentoring (CLOSED SESSION)

Time: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Fiserv Forum

Objective: Black and Latino Male students will have an opportunity to be engaged in conversation with black and latino males of color mentors surrounding topics and areas to help them be successful throughout life.

Milwaukee Fatherhood Initiative Annual Summit

Friday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm

Saturday 7:30 am – Noon

Location: Milwaukee Area Technical College – Downtown Campus
Enter at 700 W. State Street

FREE PARKING at MATC Parking Structure on 8th & State St. or
MacArthur Square Parking Structure

Objective: The goal of the two-day event is to create more effective fathers and, in turn, stronger families and communities. Resources to be offered at the summit include educational and employment resources, child support services, driver's license recovery, criminal record expungement, health screenings, mental health education and resources, housing and family services.

Get tickets here:

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