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The African American Chamber Of Commerce Of New Jersey (AACCNJ) In Partnership With Administrators Network Announces Senator Benjie Wimberly As Keynote Speaker For The 2026 Educators Of Color Symposium

(Princeton, NJ – June 4, 2026) – The African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey (AACCNJ), in partnership with the Administrators Network, proudly announces that Senator Benjie Wimberly will serve as the keynote speaker for the 2026 Educators of Color Symposium taking place on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at the Crowne Plaza Princeton Conference Center in Princeton, New Jersey.

The annual symposium brings together educators, school administrators, higher education leaders, policymakers, community advocates, and aspiring educators from across New Jersey to engage in meaningful dialogue focused on equity, representation, leadership development, and strengthening pathways for educators of color.

Senator Wimberly was elected in January 2025 through the Passaic County Democratic Committee to serve as Senator for New Jersey's Legislative District 35. He made history as the first African American to serve in the New Jersey Senate representing Passaic County.

Widely respected for his decades of service in education, athletics, youth mentorship, and public leadership, Senator Wimberly has dedicated his career to advancing educational opportunity, community empowerment, and equitable outcomes for underserved communities throughout New Jersey.

"AACCNJ is honored to partner with the Administrators Network to bring together leaders and educators committed to creating stronger and more inclusive educational systems," said Carmen Gates, Vice President of Community Development & External Affairs Officer for AACCNJ. "Senator Wimberly's historic leadership and unwavering commitment to education and mentorship make him the ideal keynote speaker for this important convening."

"Senator Wimberly's lifelong commitment to education, youth development, leadership, and public service reflects the very mission of this symposium — to inspire, empower, and elevate the next generation of educators and leaders throughout New Jersey. His historic election as the first African American State Senator representing Passaic County is a testament to his dedication, perseverance, and impact on communities across our state", said Dr. John E. Harmon, Sr., Founder, President & CEO of AACCNJ.

The Educators of Color Symposium 2026 will feature:

- Dynamic keynote and workshop sessions
- Networking opportunities
- Panel Discussion: “From Surviving to Thriving: Prioritizing Educator Wellness”
  Moderator, Dr. Damiso A. Josey
  Panelists: Mr. Kareem Spense, Dr. Jamilah Jones and Michael E. Coleman Jr.
- Leadership and policy conversations impacting education in New Jersey
- Cocktails & Networking Reception sponsored by NJEA

About The African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey

The AACCNJ performs an essential role in the economic viability of New Jersey. While providing a platform for New Jersey’s African American business leaders to speak with a collective voice, the AACCNJ advocates and promotes economic diversity fostering a climate of business growth through major initiatives centering on education and public policy. The Chamber serves as a proactive advocacy group with a 501(c) 3 tax exemption, which is shared by the National Black Chamber of Commerce.