



Commission on the Status of Black Males

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2025 Annual Report

Charge and Focus

Commission on the Status of Black Males (CSBM)

- Established in 2001
- Seven-member volunteer commission

Focus areas

- Education
- Health
- Criminal Justice
- Employment

Mission

- Address disparities impacting Black males
- Promote equity and opportunity
- Support community-driven solutions and advocacy
- Strengthen outcomes for Black males and families in Bloomington

Core approach

- Community engagement
- Strategic partnerships
- Youth development programming
- Public awareness and advocacy



2025 Commissioners

- James Sanders, Chair
- Dhakir Abdullah
- Isaiah Brock
- Siddhu McLeod
- Diana E. Powell-Opata
- Patrick Smith
- Cornelius Wright



2025 Highlights & Impact

Outstanding Leaders of Tomorrow Awards

- 4 total recipients (youth & adult categories)
- Recognized for leadership, academic excellence, and service



Black Barbershop Health Initiative (Juneteenth)

- 150+ community members engaged
- Health screenings + wellness education delivered
- Partners: NMDP, Hoosier Health, NAACP

National Million Father March

- 40+ volunteers and father/mentor participants
- Hosted at Fairview Elementary School
- 200+ students positively impacted
- Strengthened family engagement in education

Black Male Youth Summit

- 67 student participants
- 3 featured speakers (engineering, education leadership, motivational speaking)
- Expanded exposure to career pathways and leadership development

Winter Wonderland (Community Partnership Event)

- 100+ families served
- ~200+ children and caregivers engaged
- NAACP Freedom Banquet partnership
- Holiday programming, gifts, and family engagement



Goals, Opportunities, & Direction

Program Expansion

- Expand Black Barbershop Health Initiative to additional locations
- Enhance Black Male Youth Summit programming and participation
- Continue strengthening recognition programs and youth engagement

Community Engagement Growth

- Increase participation in community events and outreach
- Strengthen partnerships with schools, nonprofits, and health providers
- Build stronger presence across Bloomington neighborhoods

Capacity & Sustainability

- Pursue additional funding and sponsorship opportunities
- Strengthen long-term program sustainability
- Expand volunteer and mentor engagement pipelines

Key Relationships Moving Forward

- NAACP and local advocacy partners
- School systems (MCCSC and private schools)
- Health partners and community-based organization



2026 Awards & Programs

- Outstanding Black Leaders of Tomorrow Black
- Barbershop Health Initiative
- National Million Father March
- Black Male Youth Summit
- Winter Wonderland

Get Involved with CSBM

We invite you to engage with us:

- Attend monthly CSBM meetings
- Second Wednesday of each month in Hooker Conference Room, City Hall

Participate in upcoming programs:

- Black Male Youth Summit
- Million Father March
- Barbershop Health Initiative
- Winter Wonderland

Support our mission:

- Volunteer as a mentor or partner
- Collaborate on community initiatives
- Share resources and expertise

