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5TH ANNUAL THE BLACK BOYS & MEN NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

WORKING TOGETHER TO CHANGE CONDITIONS AND ELEVATE LIVES

June 10-12, 2026

Battle Creek,
Michigan



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2026 EVENT OVERVIEW

DoubleTree by Hilton

JUNE 10

Executive Reception
Opening Plenary

JUNE 11

Plenary and Breakout Sessions
Action and Impact Award and
Benefit Event

JUNE 12

Breakout Sessions
Closing Plenary

Go online for schedule updates



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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

We are excited to host our 5th annual Black Boys and Men National Symposium on June 10-12, 2026. The symposium continues to grow and we hope you can join us!

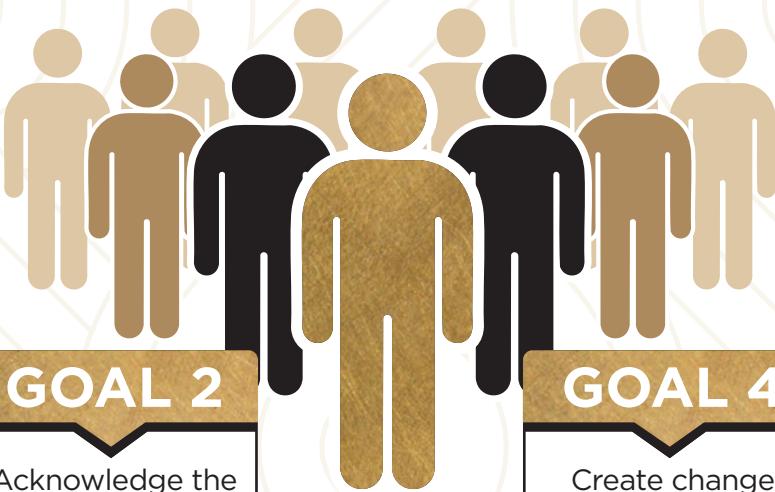
Grand Valley State University seeks to bring together youth service providers, K-12 educators, higher education faculty and staff, and community leaders to understand and interrogate the “systems” that impact the lives of Black boys & men in order to deconstruct and rebuild for their success.

Through a lens of intersectionality, the Black Boys & Men National Symposium looks holistically at the lives of Black boys & men in a variety of educational and other contexts. The symposium is focused on creating a vision for equitable transformation throughout the educational pipeline, from K-12 to higher education and beyond. The symposium is designed to be a place of personal and professional growth for those who walk alongside Black boys & men to engage in discussion, learning, and action.

GOALS FOR SYMPOSIUM

GOAL 1

Bring national partners together to outline a plan for success and create a pipeline to include K-12, higher education, and beyond.



GOAL 2

Acknowledge the historical realities that have shaped outcomes for Black boys and men to create new realities.

GOAL 4

Create change agents by sharing leading practices and creating the capacity to create new and better outcomes.

GOAL 3

Identify systemic barriers in order to generate discussion, ideas, and solutions for equity.

GOAL 5

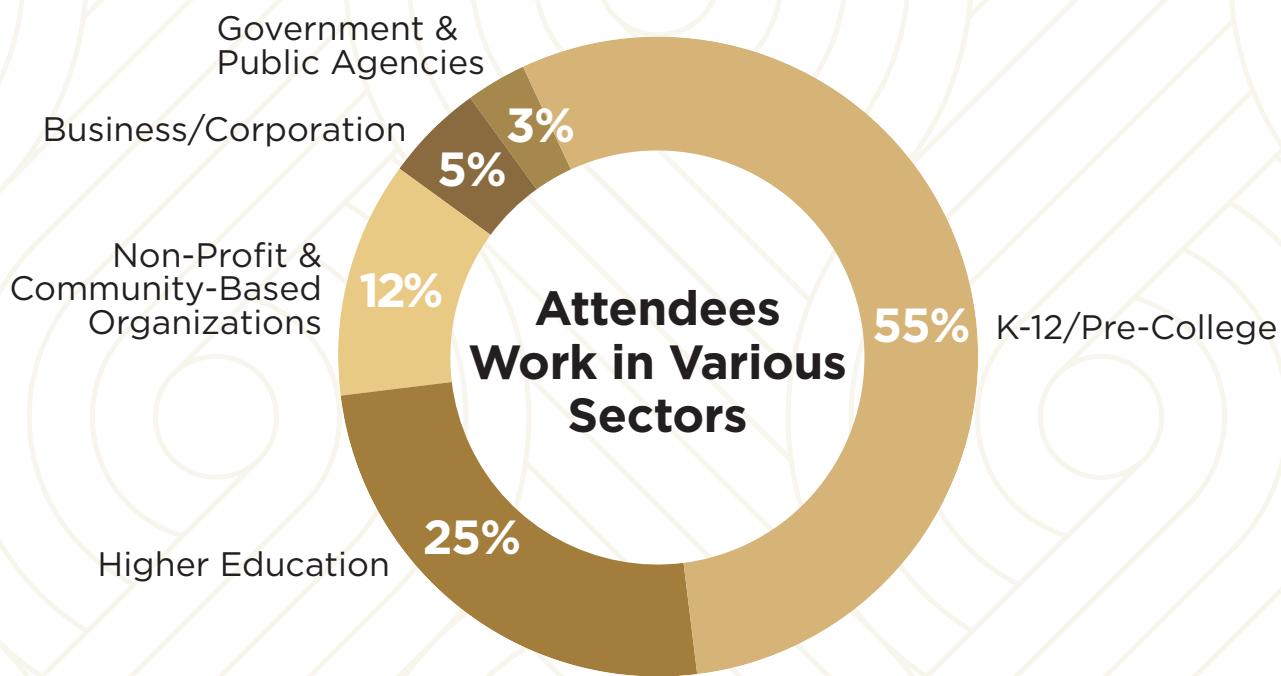
Deconstruct and rebuild systems to create the conditions necessary for the success of Black boys & men.



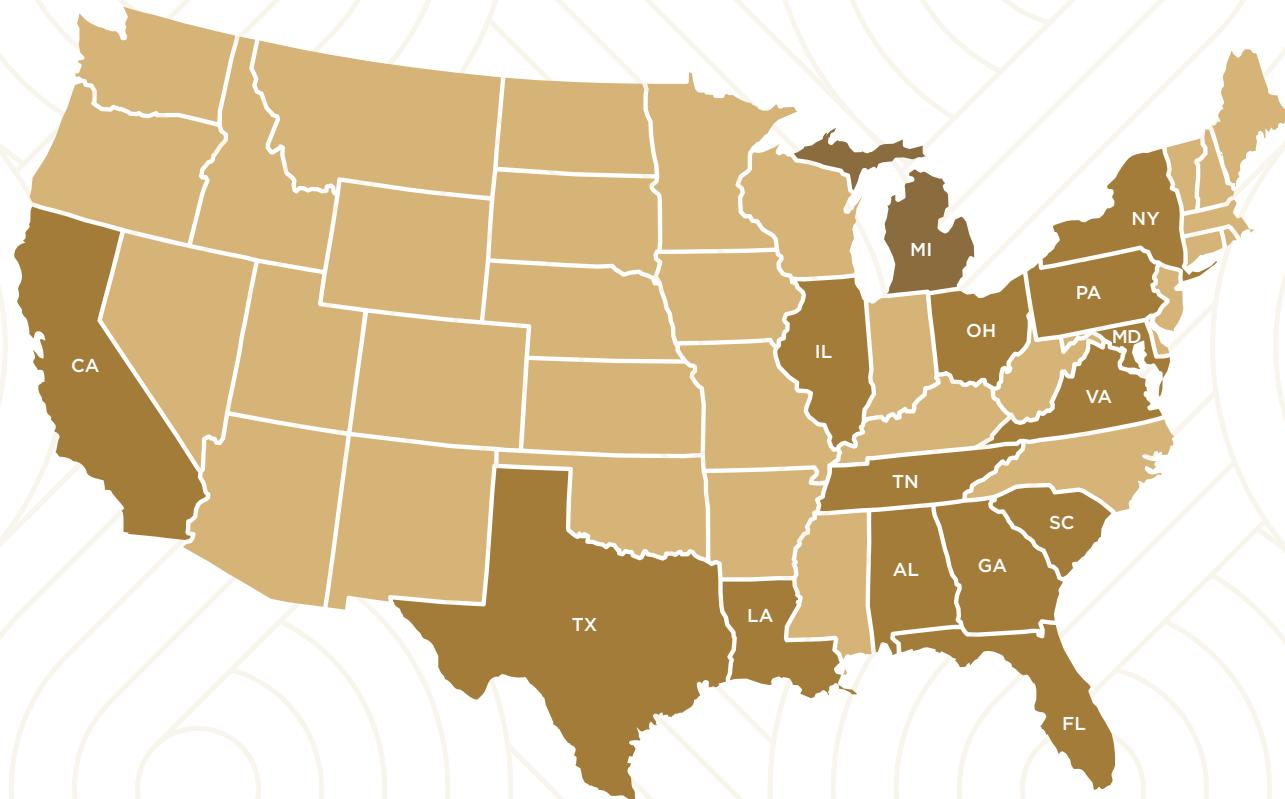
SYMPOSIUM FACTS

1,500+

Since 2022, the symposium has welcomed over 1,500 participants.



SYMPOSIUM PARTICIPANTS TRAVEL ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO ATTEND



15 States and District of Columbia represented



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- Speaker remarks during the Action and Impact Award and Benefit Event
- Logo recognition on conference app
- 4 invitations to the Executive Reception
- 4 conference registrations
- 2 tables (16 tickets) to the Action and Impact Award and Benefit Event
- Logo recognition on symposium website



GOLD

\$15,000

- 2 invitations to the Executive Reception
- Verbal recognition during conference opening plenary
- 3 conference registrations
- 1 table (8 tickets) to the Action and Impact Award and Benefit Event
- Logo recognition on symposium website



SILVER

\$10,000

- 2 conference registrations
- 1 table (8 tickets) to the Action and Impact Award and Benefit Event
- Verbal recognition during symposium
- Logo recognition on symposium website



BRONZE

\$5,000

- 1 conference registration
- 4 tickets to the Action and Impact Award and Benefit Event
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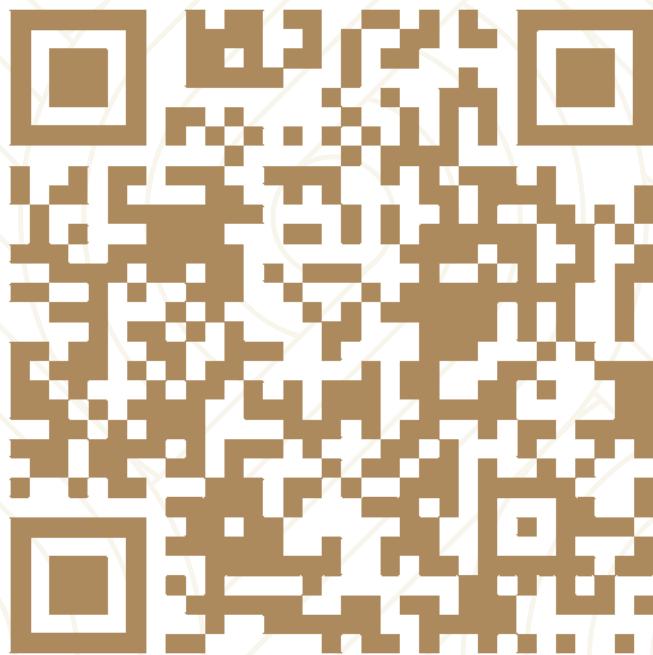
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