

**REPORT OF THE BOARD'S DELEGATE TO THE MILWAUKEE EDUCATION
PARTNERSHIP**

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THIRD QUARTER 2023 ACTIVITIES

The Milwaukee Education Partnership sponsored several activities in the third quarter.

**FAFSA COMPLETION AND APPLICATIONS TO UW-
SYSTEM**

Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and applications to University of Wisconsin System institutions was promoted during the three weekends of Summerfest. The MEP in collaboration with the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) College and Career Access Centers sponsored a booth on the Summerfest grounds where families were encouraged to connect with the centers to begin and complete the applications process. Participants received free tickets to Summerfest's College Pride Day. More than 2,000 tickets have been awarded over the three years of the MEP/MPS Summerfest partnership.

ENROLLMENT OF LEAD MEN FELLOWS

Four members of the Leading Men Fellows program were enrolled into the MEP's Milwaukee Connects Initiative. The Fellows are young men of color who are recent high school graduates that are trained to be paid literacy coaches to pre-school students at the Next Door Foundation. The Fellows program came to Milwaukee from the Washington DC based Literacy Lab through the sponsorship of the MEP and The Next Door Foundation. It is in its fifth year of engagement in Milwaukee.

Fellows participating in the Milwaukee Connects Initiative will have six higher education course credits paid for by the MEP each year while pursuing teacher certification. Fellows also participate in at least four networking activities each semester organized by the MEP.

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Teacher Education program is the higher education partner for the Milwaukee Connects Initiative.

MILWAUKEE CONNECTS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Tuskegee University has identified a participant for the Milwaukee Connects internship program to support the GE STEM Lab at MPS Carver Academy. She is available to begin the Spring 2024 semester upon meeting the necessary background checks performed by MPS.

HBCU SUNDAY

The fifth annual HBCU Sunday was held October 1, 2023. The fifty largest African American faith congregations in Wisconsin are encouraged to devote a few moments of time to let a speaker remind the audience of the importance of HBCU institutions to the preparation of African American professionals, especially educators, engineers, physicians, dentist and nurses. The event was promoted on WNOV Radio and championed by Governor Evers, Mayor Cavalier Johnson and Alderman Russell Stamper among others. The event is co-sponsored by the Forest County Potawatami Foundation.

HBCU COLLEGE FAIR

The MEP co-sponsored the HBCU College Fair held October 7, 2023 at MPS Vincent High School. The event is organized by Wisconsin Representative Dr. Lakeisha Myers and Wisconsin Senator Lena Taylor in collaboration with MPS.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR INTERNSHIPS

Fourteen HBCU institutions primarily in the states of Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Missouri are the focus of a recruitment class for pre-professional educator internships that begin January 2024. The interns would be assigned to MPS schools in collaboration with MPS Human Resources and the UWM Teacher Education program.

NEW PARTNER

The University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Education was welcomed as an MEP higher education institution partner.

Future Plans

UPCOMING WEBINAR

The MEP in partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Thompson Center will host a December 13, 2023 webinar featuring the National Center for Teacher Residencies' successful educator development program for African American males.