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Greetings Faculty, Staff, Student Leaders, Community Members:

On behalf of the Black Issues Conference Planning Committee, the University of Tennessee Chapter of the NAACP, and the Office of Minority Student Affairs, we would like to invite you to participate in the 5th Annual Black Issues Conference, "*Black in America: How Far We Have Come... Yet, So Far to Go*". The conference is designed to assist in the educational development of students through uniting the campus and community on issues that affect the Black Community as a whole. The conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 6, 2010, in the Carolyn P. Brown Memorial University Center from 9am - 4pm.

We are asking you as faculty, staff, student leaders, and community members to share in this experience by presenting on a topic of your choice during our workshop sessions. We are asking that you prepare a 45-50 minute presentation on an issue that the Black community is facing and how we can develop solutions to the problem. Some topics to think about include, but are not limited to:

- Affirmative Action
- Black, Ethnic and Racial Identity
- Black Interpersonal Relationships
- Bridging the Generational Gap of Leadership
- Community Restoration
- Defining Black Leadership for the New Millennium
- Education & Our Community
- Health Issues in the Black Community
- Overcoming the Crab in the Barrel Effect
- Rethinking the Purpose of Organizations Created During the Civil Rights Era
- Spirituality in the Black Community
- Violence in the Community
- Today's Hip Hop Culture
- Visions for Black Men/ Visions for Black Women

Please submit the attached proposal and an outline of your program to the 5th Annual Black Issues Conference Planning Committee by December 11, 2009 to the following address:

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Thank you for your time and consideration. We hope that you will join us either as a presenter or as a conference attendee.

Sincerely,

The 5th Annual Black Issues Conference Planning Committee
The University of Tennessee

**The University of Tennessee
5th Annual Black Issues Conference
General Program Proposal Form**

Conference Theme: "Black in America: How Far We Have Come... Yet, So Far to Go"
Date: Saturday February 6, 2010
Location: Carolyn P. Brown Memorial University Center

Program Title:

Program Abstract/Summary: (This summary will go in the program guide; ex: "You Are Better Than Peanut Butter"-The presentation deals with effective ways of presenting yourself to others and future employers. The secret is in the peanut.) (Program length should be 50 minutes)

Please provide an additional outline of your program describing how your presentation relates to the conference theme. It should include a summary of key points, program content, use of handouts, and significance to conference participants. This outline will be used to assess your proposal.

Coordinating Presenter:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone/Fax#: _____

Email: _____

Other Program Presenters:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Please check any that apply to your program needs:

- Flip Chart/Markers
- VCR/DVD/Monitor
- Overhead/Screen
- Laptop for PowerPoint presentations
- Dry Erase Board
- Other: _____

✓ Deadline to have your proposal considered is **Friday, December 11, 2009.**

Please send proposals to:

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