



**BUILDING BRIDGES,
CREATING CHANGE**

**Arkansas State University
Mid-South**



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MID-SOUTH



Official Conference Manual & Itinerary

Friday, April 26th - 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

DEVELOP, ENGAGE, EMPOWER, & PREPARE

Building Bridges, Creating Change

The Men of Color Conference aims to empower young men of color pursuing studies in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) fields by fostering a supportive environment that is integral to academic excellence, personal growth, and professional advancement.

Through a series of workshops, panel discussions, and networking opportunities, the conference will equip participants with the necessary tools, resources, and mentorship to thrive academically and succeed in their chosen careers.

By addressing the unique challenges faced by men of color in higher education and STEAM industries, the conference strives to cultivate a community of scholars who are prepared to excel academically, contribute meaningfully to their respective fields, and positively impact society as social entrepreneurs and innovators.

2024 Conference Itinerary

Friday, April 26th

9:30 AM - 10:15 AM

Coffee Connections: Breakfast & Networking
Steven Randall, Facilitator

10:20 AM - 10:40 AM

Opening Session & Inspirational Message
Deeneaus Polk, Facilitator

10:50 AM - 11:40 AM

Discovering the Soundtrack to Your Community
Phillip Rollins, Owner/DJ-OffBeat Records

11:50 AM - 1:00 PM

Empowering Voices: Men of Color Around the World
Panel Luncheon

1:10 PM - 2:00 PM

Your Blueprint, Your Grind
Rod Singleton, Cybersecurity Expert

2:10 PM - 3:00 PM

Closing Session: Facilitated Discussion

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SPECIAL GUESTS



Phillip Rollins
Owner/DJ (OffBeat)



Marlin Monroe Williford
Musician



Rob Marshall
Actor/Model



Lukas Lyle
Model/Coach



Rod Singleton
Cybersecurity Expert

Opening Plenary Session

“Building Bridges, Creating Change” Arkansas State University Mid-South

Opening Session
Men of Color Conference 2024

Friday, April 26th, 2024
10:20 AM • Magruder Hall Room 108

Conference Welcome	Deeneaus Polk <i>Conference Steering Team Founder - 3LEVATE</i>
University Greetings	Dr. Debra West <i>Chancellor of Arkansas State University Mid-South</i>
Municipal Greetings	Marco McClendon <i>Mayor - City of West Memphis West Memphis, Arkansas</i>
Conference Overview	Deeneaus Polk <i>Conference Steering Team Founder - 3LEVATE</i>
Inspirational Message	Dr. Corey Wiggins <i>Federal Co-Chair Delta Regional Authority</i>

Workshop & Panel Topics

Discovering the Soundtrack to Your Community
Facilitator: Phillip Rollins, Owner of OffBeat Records

Empowering Voices: Men of Color Heard Around the World
Guest Panelist: Lukas Lyle, Rob Marshall, & Marlin Monroe Williford

Your Blueprint, Your Grind
Facilitator: Rod Singleton, Cybersecurity Expert

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Thank you for attending the 2024
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