Unpacking the Systematic Barriers of Black Males in Higher Education

Many scholars are alarmed by the reduction in college attendance and educational attainment for African Americans. California State University, Northridge has encountered a significant decrease in African-American First Time Freshmen enrollment from fall 2013 to fall 2014 (CSUN Institutional Research, 2014). Barriers such as access, under representation, under achievement in education, stereotyping, and lack of resources contribute to this phenomenon, particularly as it relates to Black men. This lecture will unpack these factors, which affect the status of Black men in higher education and provide steps that institutions can employ to increase the enrollment, persistence, and achievement levels for this population.

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