

African American Male Initiative (AAMI) 2025 Summit: He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother! Dream Big

Time & Location	Activity
9:15 - 10:00 a.m. Bldg. L, Heritage Lobby	Attendee check-in
10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Bldg. L, Heritage Room	Singing performances by Zae and Dallas Hogan.
10:15 - 10:30 a.m. Bldg. L, Heritage Room	Welcome and Opening Remarks: President Jann Joseph, Dr. Chavonda Mills, Interim Senior Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs/Provost, and Dr. Angie Jasper, Dean, School of Education.
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. General Session Bldg. L, Heritage Room	<p><i>Dreaming Big: The Key to Achieving Individual and Collective Power</i></p> <p>Presented by Keynote Speaker, Dr. Akinyele Umoja</p> <p>A look at the dreams of historic personalities and how their dreams catapulted them to greatness. We will explore the role that our dreams and visions play in our individual growth and development, as well as, to freedom and self-determination for our people.</p>
11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Bldg. L, Heritage Room	Lunch
<p>Breakout Session 1: "He Ain't Heavy..."</p> <p>Overcoming Obstacles to Achieve Your Dreams</p>	
12:25 - 1:10 p.m. Bldg. B, Room 1500	<p><u>Option 1: Let's Talk About Dreams! What Steps Are You Taking to Accomplish Your Dreams?</u></p> <p>Presented by Allan Coye</p> <p>Dreams are powerful! Achieving your dreams requires action, persistence, and a clear strategy. This session will explore goal-setting, resilience, and practical steps to turn aspirations into reality. Through personal stories and interactive discussions, you will begin to leverage your dreams into milestones. You will walk away inspired, equipped, and ready to take intentional steps toward your goals!</p>
12:25 - 1:10 p.m. Bldg. B, Room 1600	<p><u>Option 2: Full Circle: The Story of G.O.D. (Gentlemen of Distinction)</u></p> <p>Presented by Ryan Smith, AAMI Alumni and the Gentlemen of Distinction</p> <p>Join members of G.O.D. as they share their journey of transforming a vision into a movement. They will discuss their undergraduate experience at Georgia Gwinnett College and how G.O.D. started as a small initiative that helped reshape the narrative for many African American males on campus. Through their stories, they'll highlight the parallels between G.O.D. and AAMI (African American Male Initiative), emphasizing the power of mentorship, leadership, and community in achieving success.</p>

Breakout Session 2: “He’s My Brother!” Achieving Your Dreams as a Brotherhood/Community	
1:20 - 2:05 p.m. Bldg. B, Room 1500	<p><u>Option 1:</u> <i>He Ain’t Heavy He’s My Brother! The Unbreakable Link</i></p> <p>Presented by Gustavious Maddox and the AAMI Elite Scholars</p> <p>A dynamic panel discussion featuring fellow AAMI (African American Male Initiative) members, where they reflect on the profound impact the program has had on shaping their personal and professional journeys. Through shared experiences, they will discuss how AAMI has influenced their growth, leadership skills, and sense of community; preparing them for future opportunities.</p>
1:20 - 2:05 p.m. Bldg. B, Room 1600	<p><u>Option 2:</u> <i>The Do's and Don'ts of Dreaming Big: Turning Ambitions into Achievements</i></p> <p>Presented by Dr. Kyle Baldwin</p> <p>Explore the transformative journey of dreaming big, highlighting key strategies for turning your boldest visions into reality. Learn the essential do's to set you on the path of success, and the critical don'ts to avoid common pitfalls that can derail your dreams. Get inspired, stay focused and discover how to harness the power of your ambitions to make the impossible possible!</p>
AMMI Elite Scholars Vision Board Showcase	
2:10 - 2:50 p.m. General Session Bldg. B, Belonging Center	<p><i>A Dream Deferred... No, A Dream Visualized!</i></p> <p>Presented by Dr. Rashad Najee Simmons and AAMI Elite Scholars</p> <p>Dreams are often hard to remember once you wake up, and can fade into nothingness. So, how does one keep from losing their “Big Dreams”? By visualizing them and making those dreams tangible! Join us as we showcase our tangible dreams visually through a display of vision boards.</p>
2:50 - 3:00 p.m. General Session Bldg. B, Belonging Center	<p><i>Wrap-up and Closing Remarks:</i> Dr. Brandon Lewis and Allen Clarke</p>