

Thank Your for Empowering Male Educators of Color 🍎



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Dear Partners and Donors:

As we journey through the year, I'm thrilled to share the latest strides made by Profound Gentlemen, all thanks to your generous support. Guided by this year's empowering theme, "Rise," we're inspired by the words of Maya Angelou: "My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style." We've done just that at PG!

Our membership recruitment efforts continue to soar as we spread our message of mentorship and leadership at conferences nationwide. We're also thrilled to report significant growth in our partnerships with schools and districts (we now have 12), cultivating avenues for mentorship and support that ripple through communities.

And, with great success, our largest conference ever was not only a celebration of brotherhood and growth, but also the recharge our educators needed.

Your continued dedication fuels our mission to empower male educators of color.

Together, we're not just rising; we're soaring to new heights of impact and inspiration.

With Gratitude,
Leah Rapley
Director of Development

CIA 2024 Recap

We can't over-estimate the impact that this time together means to our Gentlemen, who often find themselves navigating a professional landscape that can be isolating and challenging. In the PG community, these men find peers and mentors who share their experiences or understand the unique challenges they face. Some of our participants experienced this inclusive brotherhood for the first time - and now they want to make sure others know about it, too.

Highlights of our weekend include:

Peer-led workshops on topics like social-emotional learning, play-based instruction and amplifying student voice

A message from bestselling author [Jerry Craft](#) about the critical importance of shifting the narrative for kids of color


[Julius Cave](#) with The Literacy Lab who encouraged us to lean into discomfort, have the courage to show and speak up, and keep an open mind for growth and learning

An amazing performance from [Gritz and Jelly Butter](#)

So many honest and vulnerable conversations


Watch the video below for more highlights from our weekend (2 min)



 **Louis Henderson II, Ed. D** · 1er
 | HBCU ALUM | English Language Arts Teacher |
 32 minutos · 🌐


I had the privilege this past weekend of attending [Profound Gentlemen's](#) 2024 Community Impact Assembly. One of the highlights of the conference is always the ability to build or create community among practitioners of color. Thus I utilized those same strategies with my students as we discussed at the conference based upon the content in the current text we are reading *Rules of The Red Rubber Ball*.


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macforepar5 Honored to have been able to share some great info with an outstanding group of black & brown men in the education field! 27 states represented! When I tell you @profoundgentlemen never fails to re-energize, motivate and inspire me!!! Can't wait for what's next!!!



In The Field

Here are a few of the conferences and events where our team has been learning, advocating and sharing our insights:

- [South Carolina Alliance of Black School Educators Winter Conference](#)
- [SXSW EDU](#)
- [Black Male Educators Day of Action at the Georgia State Capitol](#)
- [Men of Color in Education Leadership National Convening](#)
- [The Color of Education Summit](#)
- [Southern Education Foundation Issues Forum](#)

In The News

We're always grateful for the opportunity to share our mission and boast about our Gentlemen.

- [ED Dylan Holmes on the WFAE Podcast](#)
- [Interview with WCNC-Charlotte News](#)



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