Imhotep—A man of African decent who was active in Ancient Egypt’s third dynasty (2980 B.C.), Imhotep is considered by many to be the world first multi-genius. He was an architect, astronomer, physician, philosopher and scribe to King Djoser.

The “Imhotep” name for the Black Male Initiative was chosen as a representative of the genius potential that is within the students that the initiative will serve.

MISSION, GOALS AND OUTCOMES

Mission Statement

The Kansas State University Imhotep Black Male Initiative seeks to increase the success of Black Males by focusing on their retention, persistence, community uplift and cultural enrichment, career or graduate school placement, and degree completion.

Black Male Initiative Pillars

- Retention
- Persistence/Support
- Community Uplift/Cultural Enrichment
- Career/Graduate School Placement
- Degree Completion

Retention

- Academic Preparation & Enhancement
- Financial literacy
- Additional academic coaching
Persistence/Support

- Life skills/professional development
- Career exploration and assessment
- IMHOTEP Cohort Meetings

Community Uplift/Cultural Enrichment

- IMHOTEP Meetings (Large group)
- Connection with cultural organization
- One cultural trip a year
- One community service/enrichment activity per semester

Career/Graduate School Placement

- Research Opportunities
- Career Development Activities
  - Networking
  - Resume Critiques
  - Interview Preparation
- Internship Placement
- Career Mentoring

Degree Completion

- Use of new advising tools to track progress of graduation
- Confirmation of the completion of degrees.

QUESTIONS?

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