

# Reaching Fresno State Men Through

# MENtoring

## Leveraging Student Outcome Data to Address Success Equity (Initiated by DOSAEM Committee Spring 2018):

The CSU 2025 Graduation Initiative prioritizes closing achievement gaps in persistence and graduation rates – including that amongst college men. Our team began our efforts with analysis of student outcome data - which not only confirmed, but further revealed a widening gap amongst first-time freshman and under-represented minority men. In order to begin making an impact, we understood the importance of campus-wide collaboration, involving community partners, expanded research, and continuity of efforts. We evolved the concept of mentoring (with emphasis on MEN) to launch a movement that would generate greater support for the experiences of college men (especially men of color) and today's educational journey.

## MARCH 2, 2019: A DAY OF COMMUNITY, PURPOSE, AND REACHING HIGHER



### Attendee Expectations (via Qualtrics Conference Pre-Registration):

*"I hope to learn from the conference how I can personally help now and in the future for more men to graduate from college or university."*

*"My primary goal in attending this student conference is to explore some of the challenges that men in college has gone through. My expectation of this conference is being able to address some of the issues that I have faced in college and what can we do to change it."*

*"I want to become a better man. I am hoping that I learn more about being a better man. Kinder, stronger, smarter, more committed."*

### Keynote Speakers and Entertainment:

Dr. Terrell Strayhorn, Shamiel Gary & The Wake Up Experience



### Breakout Sessions:

- Managing Your Money: Budgeting and Saving Strategies
- College Life From the Male Point of View
- What's Wrong With the Friend Zone?
- Who Raised You? An Experience in Discovering Your Truth
- How to Become a Warrior
- Stress and Mental Health for Men of Color

### Featured Panel Discussion:

Purpose, Community, and Reaching Higher



### MENtoring Conference Feedback (via Qualtrics survey):

*"I enjoyed how inclusive it was. Even though the primary focus was on men, there was never any feeling that women were not welcome"*

*"The diverse lunch menu stands out in my mind in addition to the land recognition, Aztec dancers, and diversity of perspectives (all tied to the theme of how to build up success for men of color in education)"*

*"The break out session was my favorite. Overall, in the break out session, it was like I was meant to be apart of those conversations. The breakout session was of relatable substance"*



## Transforming a Vision of MENtoring Into Action:



After generating momentum and increased interest in the campus community following Fall 2018 efforts, our committee collaboratively began planning the 1<sup>st</sup> Men's Conference titled:



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