

Sen. Taylor and Rep. Myers: To host college fair

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MILWAUKEE – Representative LaKeshia Myers (D-Milwaukee) and Senator Lena Taylor (D-Milwaukee) will host the 3rd Annual Wisconsin Historically Black College and University (HBCU) and Tribal College Fair for high school students on Saturday, October 12, 2019, from 10:00am-3:00pm. The fair will be held at Harold Vincent High School 7501 N. Granville Road in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The college fair, which is in its third year, has drawn participants from across the state and is the culminating event of HBCU & Tribal College Week in Wisconsin. The specialized focus on HBCUs and tribal colleges is significant, as these minority serving institutions are the top producers of professionals in the fields of agriculture, education, and health care.

“It is my goal in highlighting HBCUs and tribal colleges that we will increase enrollment and encourage more students to seek opportunities in the field of agriculture; Wisconsin is an agricultural state and we have many state jobs in the agriculture industry that are vacant because our students don’t have an accurate depiction of what can be done with an agriculture background” said Senator Taylor.

Representative Myers remarked, “This is truly a collaborative effort between not only Senator Taylor and I, but with many different community groups and service organizations. The preservation of both tribal and historically black colleges is paramount to the success of students of color and vital to the fabric of our country. We are inviting all families from across the state to come to the college fair to gain insight and knowledge about these special institutions. While we do not have a historically black college in the state of Wisconsin, we are home to two tribal colleges and that is something that is sometimes overlooked.”

Saturday's college fair will include interactive workshops and presentations on NCAA clearinghouse processes for student athletes, financial aid, an HBCU experience panel discussion, scholarship opportunities, and information on college admissions essays. Over forty Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Tribal Colleges will in attendance at the fair, along with representation from many of the leading black Greek letter organizations, financial institutions, and community organizations.

The event is free and open to the public.