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Baba Bullard Speaks on the Association for the Study of Classical Afrikan Civilization (ASCAC)

In the Afrikan tradition of studying and contemplating on all the ways of thinking, speaking and knowing deeply as identified to us by our enlighten ancestors and living teachers, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge and recognize a very powerful organization that is dedicated and committed to the on-going research, rescue, restoration and reconstruction of what it truly means to be re-born, Afrikan. The Association for the Study of Classical Afrikan Civilizations (better known as ASCAC), is an international body that recognizes and re-enforces the legitimacy and cultural legacy of Afrika's antiquus past, aligned to the contemporary voices of the present and embedded in intergenerational transmissions transcribed and transferred to future leaders yet born. Using a multi-faceted and multi-disciplined approach in organizational research, ASCAC promotes the global study of Afrikan culture from an Afrikan Centered epistemological perspective and worldview.



The national conference for ASCAC was convened this past week in Chicago, Illinois (March 26-29, 2009) at the Jacob Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies (also known by the Afrikan Centered family as the house that Baba Jake built). It was a working educational and research-based conference with many of the top-names and theorist in Afrikan Centered Deep Thought listed or present. ASCAC's membership represents those Sankofa Scholars who annually come together not as professors, historians, researchers, master teachers and internationally recognized and respected names, but as the family.



The camaraderie, love and openness experienced at an ASCAC conference makes the organization truly unique and exceptional. Any or everyone sitting in the audience or on the stage at any given time is more than credentialed and qualified to teach and/or present. ASCAC as an organization is about doing the research, study and work of Afrikan Centered institution-building. ASCAC's inspirational leader and Queen Mother force that represents the uniting Afrikan spirit for the entire organization is Queen Nzinga Ratibisha Heru, International President and Executive Committee Chair. Queen Nzinga as "Keeper of the Way" ensures that ASCAC as an international organization holds conferences, workshops and symposiums that are intense, challenging and focused on maintaining the stand(ard) of Afrikan Centered excellence through research, scholarship and engaged intellectual applications.

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Presentations given throughout the conference used paradigms of Afrikan Centered Deep Thought to demonstrate complex thinking and understanding of Nyansa Nsaa Da (wisdom can never be lost or exhausted, rather transferred into methods of deep thought) processes and equivalents. Narratives in power speaking (Mdw Ntr) and incorporated good speech (Mdw Nfr) were used to intellectually challenge unscholarly Isfet (lies, untruths) work. By authenticating and validating MAATIC wisdoms, presenters used the words of power (Maa Khru) to repel Mdw Bin (untrue/false speech) and Tef Tef (idle speaking/gossip) used to control one's thinking (conceptual incarceration), thus lowering one's intellectual base and abilities to think and understand deeply. It was an exciting, exhausting, yet exhilarating Afrikan affirming week. ASCAC has become a beacon of light for those seeking innovation, scholarly activism and committed cultural consciousness.

It is in this Umoja-based spirit, that we at the **Afrikan Centered Education Collegium Campus** must be equally as serious in not just talking about our work, but really doing our work. By exercising commitments, individually and collectively to read, study and expand upon the cultural legacies of "great and mighty" works that have been given to us, we will show that we are ready to gather together at the wellspring of deep Afrikan thought. Sip the cool waters of Afrikan deep knowing and bask in the educational rays of Afrikan sunlight, ready to return back into our right form as "Whme Msu" to be re-formed and re-born back into the good name of being a centered Afrikan once again.

Ashe, ashe, ashe.
