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This motivational and inspirational presentation for African-Americans and Hispanics gets the audience involved and never lets them go! Participants weave a trail through many of the issues impacting our college campuses. Topics include, but are not limited to: academic excellence recruitment, retention, "sell outs", motivation, unity, race/ethnic pride, campus resources, leadership development, etc.

The essence of this workshop is to instill a positive, upbeat, pro-active approach to issues have stymied the pursuit of academic excellence! Some "Key" issues addressed:

- 1) Each of us is "special." Once we learn how special we are...Excellence Becomes The Norm...Not The Exception!
- 2) Student Leadership. We give students titles. Are they being taught how to "lead"?
- 3) Do student leaders and those who work with African-Americans/Hispanics know how to interact with us?
- 4) Do we value the very diversity amongst us that we challenge others to value? Why? Why not?
- 5) How long do we wait on institutions to do for us things we can do for ourselves?
- 6) What role do our "relationships" play in our academic success? .
- 7) Why does the "mack daddy or mack momma" get more "props" than the "scholar?"
- 8) Is academic excellence or hanging out with diverse friends "acting white?"

Again, our approach is simple without being simplistic! Students, faculty and staff lives are negatively impacted on many campuses. What can WE do to insure that our young people have a quality and positive collegiate experience? Our aim to move people from the "excitement an affirming qualities of the conference" to actually partaking in ACTIONS that will positively change individuals so that they will succeed! This workshop has been EXTREMELY well received across the country, it's time for "US" to "step up!"

Presenter:

Steve Birdine is a diversity educator, motivational speaker and risk taker. His speeches, workshops, seminars and lectures are getting rave reviews across the country. Please peruse the enclosed evaluation fOnTIS (updated evaluations available upon request). His passion for academic excellence, student motivation, diversity education and leadership development has led him to be an inspiration (for those seeking strong, positive role models and/or honest dialogue and solutions) and to seek innovation (in dealing with long standing historical issues impacting people of color). Not only has he committed himself to these issues. He is not afraid to answer the previously unanswered question. Nor, is he afraid to pose the question yet formed. He brings jazz,

pizzazz, and much, much more! If your workplace, students, staff, faculty, employees and/or conference attendees are willing, able and ready to expand their personal paradigm, a session with Steve Birdine will be like a breath of fresh air. I promise a powerful and unique experience!