UW-Milwaukee’s AAMI will soon connect students with UWM alumni. Through a partnership with the university’s African-American Alumni Association and the Black Cultural Center, a tiered mentoring program will be offered.

UW-Milwaukee’s pre-college students will be mentored by current college students and college students will be paired with an alumni mentor.

The official launch of the mentoring program is scheduled for Fall 2015.
The African-American Male Initiative (AAMI) is a consortium of campus and community partners that harnesses resources to rally around Black males. The goal of the Initiative is to provide a pathway for Black male students in middle and high school into University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

The initiative:
- **Expands** UW-Milwaukee's recruitment and retention
- **Leads** the region's research and evaluation efforts that address African-American men and boys
- **Offers** a Summit for Black Male Youth
- **Serves** as a clearinghouse of information and community provider support
- **Provides** mentorship and student support opportunities

**What is AAMI?**

**Recruitment and Retention Pathway**

Students will traverse a continuum of goals and objectives designed to prepare them for subsequent academic and career success.

To that end, our ‘pathway’ will not only alter the lives of students by improving their life chances and enhancing their quality of life, it will also bring hope and prosperity to their respective communities.

Thus, the pathway ultimately fulfills the urban mission of University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

**Youth Summit**

AAMI hosts an annual December summit on Black male youth which serves as a meeting place for black male students, educators, school administrators, counselors and parents and guardians from across the region. It is a one-of-a-kind program offering in the city and the state.

The past two years, the Summit has been attended by hundreds of area young men, teachers, parents and members of the community from Southeastern Wisconsin.

The Summit has sponsorship opportunities. Please see our website for more information!

**Research and Evaluation**

UW-Milwaukee's AAMI conducts research and supports evaluation efforts that address and respond to the needs of African-American male youth and students in Milwaukee.

AAMI also serves as an advisory academic partner and university link to the City of Milwaukee Black Male Achievement Advisory Council and the area's Boys and Men of Color Initiative led by a collaboration of community partners.

**Clearinghouse and Provider Support**

AAMI serves as a clearinghouse of resources, information and research to the broader Milwaukee community and supports community-based providers through sponsored public forums on a broad range of areas affecting African-American male youth and students.

**Mission**

Advancing the K-16 educational pathway opportunities for young men throughout Southeastern Wisconsin by mobilizing campus, community and regional resources that foster mentoring, academic development and the recruitment and retention, graduation and career readiness of black males.