

100 BMOA

The vision of organizing one hundred successful professional black men had its genesis in New York City in 1963. The initial founders visualized an organization of committed African American men whose collaborative expertise and experience would form a credible synergy aimed at improving the quality of life of blacks and other minorities in their community.

Today, the 100 Black Men of America, Inc., is a national alliance of leading African American men of business, industry, public affairs government, devoting their combined skills and resources to confronting the challenges facing African American youth. Some of the organization's distinguished members include:

- late Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, Educator
- Honorable P.J. Patterson, Prime Minister of Jamaica
- Earl Graves, Publisher and CEO of Black Enterprise Magazine
- David Dinkins, Former Mayor of New York
- Honorable Andrew Young, Former Ambassador
- Colin Powell, Retired Joints Chief of Staff
- Bill Campbell, Mayor, City of Atlanta
- Dennis Archer, Mayor, City of Detroit
- Kenneth Chennault, President, American Express
- Richard Parsons, President, Time Warner
- Bill Cosby, Philanthropist and Entertainer
- and a host of numerous other city, state, and national elected officials

Under the leadership of Thomas W. Dortch, Jr., the 100 Black Men of America is comprised of more than 10,000 members, representing 90 chapters nationally and 4 chapters internationally. Through the 100's mentoring, educational, anti-violence and economic development programs, these volunteers empower young people by helping them gain a competitive edge.

These programs nurture creativity, emphasize academic achievement and reinforce social responsibility. The mission of the 100 is to "improve the quality of life of our citizens and enhance educational opportunities for African American youth, in all communities with special emphasis on young African American males."

By the year 2005, more than half of all new entrants into the workforce will be minorities. At the same time, one half of all jobs will require a more educated and technologically advanced workforce. The volunteers and staff of the 100 Black Men of America, Inc. is charged with the responsibility of preparing the youth of today for tomorrow.