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## **Rep. McGee Leads Panel on Educational Excellence for African Americans as part of White House Initiative** *Manchester Community College Hosts White House Summit*



*Rep. McGee with student panelists and Dr. G. Duncan Harris, Dean of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management (far left)*

**Rep. Brandon McGee** (D-Hartford, Windsor) led a student panel discussion at the Summit on Educational Excellence for African Americans at Manchester Community College (MCC) on Monday. The summit was presented by The White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans and coordinated by Dr. G. Duncan Harris, Dean of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at MCC.

Rep. McGee, who sits on the legislature’s Education Committee, moderated a panel called “Cultivating Success: Supporting sustainable career pathways that assist in African American student achievement”, comprised of local college and high school students.

“I was proud to participate in the educational initiative launched by the White House, and I’d like to thank Manchester Community College for hosting and organizing such an important event. Supporting African American students’ educational achievement needs to be a community effort,” said **Rep. McGee**. “This panel provided a great opportunity for students to engage with community members and share their recommendations for improving educational opportunities – specifically ways in which their education can prepare them for their desired career pathways. The students had insightful and well-thought-out comments, and we should consider their voices essential to this conversation.”

President Obama established the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence in 2012 to improve educational outcomes for African American students. The goals of the summit are to raise awareness of African American educational excellence, highlight successful African American educational initiatives, and create opportunities for adults to help increase the number of African American students who graduate from high school prepared to succeed in higher education and the workforce.

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