

Noted Author and Psychologist Na'im Akbar to be keynote speaker at Legacy Associates Foundation's 7th Annual Scholarship Fundraiser



DETROIT – Renowned psychologist and author Dr. Na'im Akbar will be the keynote speaker at the **Legacy Associates Foundation's** (L.A.F.) 7th Annual Scholarship Banquet on March 26th, 2005. The event, which will be held at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History, will begin with a reception at 6:30 p.m. The Master of Ceremonies for the evening will be Mr. Ed Foxworth of both UPN & CBS here in the city of Detroit. Since 1997, L.A.F., an organization of young African-American businessmen dedicated to the education and future of young people, has awarded more than 40 college scholarships in excess of \$45,000.

Dr. Akbar has been acclaimed by Essence Magazine as "one of the world's preeminent psychologists and a pioneer in the development of an African-centered approach in modern psychology." He has served as an associate professor of psychology at Norfolk State University and as chairman of the psychology department at Morehouse. He is currently on the faculty of the psychology department at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida. Dr. **Akbar holds** both undergraduate and graduate degrees in psychology from the University of Michigan. He has received many honors for his progressive and landmark contributions on the specialized subject of the psychology of African-Americans. The Mayors of Atlantic City, Cleveland, Jackson, Cincinnati have declared "Na'im Akbar Days" in recognition of his accomplishments.

He is the author of several bestselling books and numerous scholarly papers and articles. Dr. Akbar has also appeared on the "Oprah Winfrey Show," "Tony Brown's Journal," "The Geraldo Show" and many other national and local television programs. He has also been the subject of articles in national publications, including the Washington Post.

Legacy Associates Foundation is an eight-year non-profit organization with a mission to exemplify and retain scholastic achievement, community involvement, and economic empowerment on a local, national and global front. The current membership is comprised of young African-American men who essentially grew up together as brothers. As they embarked upon higher education opportunities and professional careers, they began to realize the uniqueness of their social bond and the importance of providing opportunities for our next generation of leaders. L.A.F. strives to improve the quality of life for the benefit of our youth throughout communities via promotion of and involvement in philanthropic activities. This force of leadership is integral in preparing individuals, particularly minority youth, to face the many social and economic obstacles that confront them in the 21st century.

"The goal of **Legacy Associates Foundation** is to serve as strong, male mentors and leaders to youth while encouraging academic achievement, community involvement and economic empowerment," said Paul Riser, President of Legacy Associates Foundation. "Dr. Akbar's works have been monumental, to say the least, in modern psychology, American literacy and the comprehensive progress of African-Americans."

NOTE: Dr. Na'im Akbar (www.NaimAkbar.com) will have a book signing featuring his most recent work "AKBAR PAPERS IN AFRICAN PSYCHOLOGY" at 8:30 p.m.