



RECLAIMING YOUNG BLACK MALES FOR JACKSONVILLE'S FUTURE

URBAN EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

February 2009

Community turnout for Jacksonville's first Urban Education Symposium was striking in both size and diversity. More than 450 citizens devoted a Saturday to reclaim young Black males for Jacksonville's future and according to one attendee the "wide range of participants was one of the best at being the complete cross section of Jacksonville". Thank you for making this event a success!

NEXT STEPS

Newly energized from January's symposium, the Jacksonville Community Engagement Group (JCEG) is moving forward with an ambitious follow-up plan. Here's a brief snapshot of ongoing and upcoming actions:

This month's activities center around synthesizing the ideas and recommendations developed during breakout sessions; prioritizing initiatives to pursue; and identifying prospective champions to lead a committee for each initiative.

Next month, committee recruitment will be the primary focus. JCEG leadership will hold a

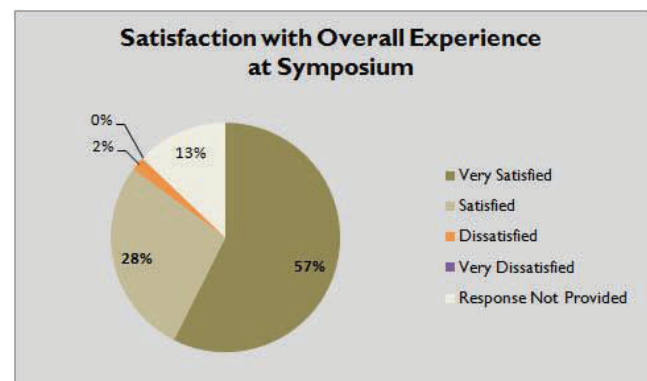
reception for prospective committee members to review findings and discuss each initiative. Additionally, the public announcement of the *Progress Report Forum* will be released.

The *Progress Report Forum* will be held at WJCT studios in April. Committees will have established measurable, actionable items for each initiative. The committees' work product will be available online and in hard copy.

Keeping advocates and the community informed and engaged is a top priority. Expect frequent updates from JCEG each step of the way.

EVALUATION RESULTS

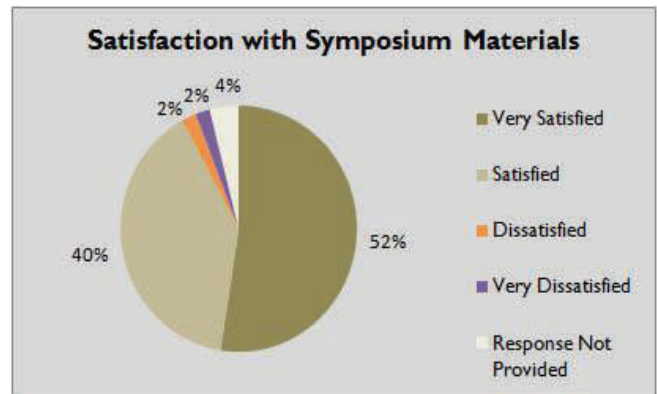
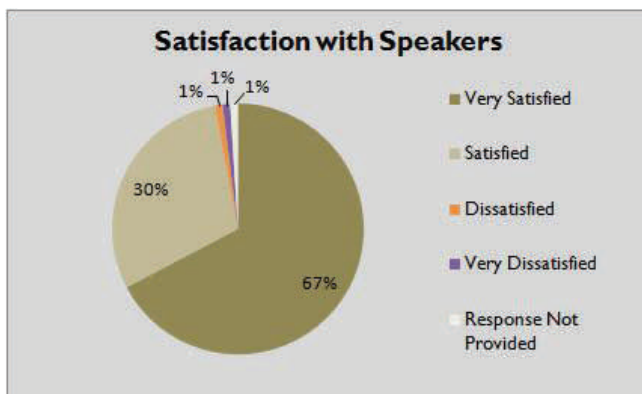
Participants were asked to complete a short two-page survey to gauge the success of the symposium and to identify areas for improvement. Of the 450 participants, 101 responded, a response rate of 22 percent. Of these respondents, 55 percent attended all the sessions offered.



RESOUNDING SUCCESS

Survey results were overwhelmingly positive. Satisfaction ratings ranged from 73 to 97 percent. Speakers received the highest satisfaction ratings with 97 percent of respondents indicating they were either satisfied (30 percent) or very satisfied (67 percent). Speakers were also most frequently cited as what folks “liked most about the symposium”. Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu and Dr. Jimmie Davis, Jr. received the greatest number of personal accolades.

The overall organization of the symposium received high ratings at 91 percent (55 percent very satisfied). High satisfaction ratings for the registration process, symposium materials, the topics covered, and the mission and objective of the symposium all point further to successful planning for the symposium (scores were 95, 92, 92, and 89 percent respectively). Participants indicated a marked preference for the speakers and panels to the small group discussions (with satisfaction ratings of 97, 92 and 73 percent respectively).



ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

Time management emerged as an area for improvement. Some attendees felt the day could have been shorter, while others wanted open discussion time with speakers. Several would have preferred more time for lunch and socializing with other participants.

Technology issues distracted from the symposium. A number of attendees listed technology, audio/visual or PowerPoint slide concerns as what they “liked least about the symposium”.

Quite a few folks noted the absence of young Black male voices. Others felt that the symposium could have benefited from the presence of leadership from the faith community, the legal judicial system, and local government.

SINCERE THANKS

We appreciate the valuable recommendations and insight provided through your survey responses. Be assured that the results will inform future meetings and actions.

Thank you!