

## The Black Political Empowerment Project

Launched on May 21, 1986, with the goal of increasing awareness in the African American community of the need to be registered, and the need to vote "IN EACH AND EVERY ELECTION!"

We are a non-partisan community collaborative consisting of agency, organization and religious leaders, as well as committed individuals, who seek to build political power and influence for the African American community:

- ◆ By advocating that **ALL** African Americans are registered to vote and "**VOTE in EACH and EVERY election!**"
- ◆ By advocating that those in political office move to expeditiously and effectively meet the needs and aspirations of the African American population they are elected to serve.
- ◆ By continuing to communicate to the African American community the "connection between a consistent, reliable voting pattern within the Black community and the goal of realizing the FULL political power potential of the Black vote.

**B-PEP** is mainly an all volunteer organization, that has become one of the premiere community collaboratives in the Pittsburgh region. *B-PEP* relies on the dedication of people who donate an incredible number of hours to an organization that they truly believe in because of its ability to "uplift" our communities by providing "hope" and a true sense of "pride."

## The Black Political Empowerment Project - Coalition Against Violence

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ATHLETICS



"We VOTE in EACH and EVERY election!"

The Black Political Empowerment Project's Coalition Against Violence  
(B-PEP/CAV)

FIVE FOR FIVE



Carnegie Mellon

In partnership with Carnegie Mellon University / Student - Athlete Advisory Council

# FIVE FOR FIVE

**The Coalition Against Violence (CAV)**, an initiative of The Black Political Empowerment Project (**B-PEP**), has partnered with Carnegie Mellon University's Student -Athlete Advisory Council (**SAAC**) and five Pittsburgh regional school districts to participate in our new initiative "**FIVE FOR FIVE**".

This program is designed to have Carnegie Mellon SAAC students mentor eighth to twelfth grade students from surrounding participating school districts. These students will have the opportunity to be mentored at Carnegie Mellon University, to attend CMU sporting events, be introduced to college expectations and college life.

For more information please contact Kenneth L. Huston, B-PEP/CAV Community Liaison at [khuston26@hotmail.com](mailto:khuston26@hotmail.com) or 412-414-5443.

## Student -Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC)

The Carnegie Mellon Athletics Advisory Council consists of two representatives from each of our 17 varsity programs. The purpose of the Advisory Council is to provide a mechanism for communication and to promote activity between student-athletes, the athletics department, and the campus community.



The Council's functions include:

- ◆ Promote communication between athletics, administration, students, and faculty
- ◆ Disseminate information regarding relevant topics in the realm of athletics
- ◆ Provide feedback and insight into athletics and academic issues
- ◆ Generate student-athlete voice within the athletics program involving all teams
- ◆ Solicit student-athlete response to conference and NCAA legislation
- ◆ Organize community service projects
- ◆ Create a vehicle for student-athlete representation for campus committees
- ◆ Promote a positive student-athlete image on campus.

## The Coalition Against Violence



**F**irmly believes to significantly reduce the violence in our communities it must be a multi-front, collaborative and coordinated effort with local community organizations, agencies and religious leaders committed to the long-term, broad-based endeavor. The working group of the coalition has produced three very important documents that have been distributed throughout Allegheny County:

1. *The Preamble: The Community Manifesto & The Role of the Family*
2. *Strategies for Change: The Full Document*
3. *Coalition Against Violence "Community Services Directory"*

Since February 8, 2007 we have been actively working to identify and facilitate the implementation of strategies and initiatives to address the issue of violence and crime that plagues our communities.

We invite you to partner with the **Coalition Against Violence** to help significantly decrease the violence that has reached crisis proportions, if interested, please send an email to [cav.pgh@gmail.com](mailto:cav.pgh@gmail.com). **Thank you!**