Greetings Faculty, Staff, Student Leaders, and Community Members:

On behalf of the Black Issues Conference Planning Committee, the University of Tennessee Chapter of the NAACP, and the Office of Multicultural Student Life, we would like to invite you to participate in the 16th Annual Black Issues Conference. Since its inception in 2006, the Black Issues Conference has endeavored to assist in the educational development of students through uniting the campus and community on issues that affect the black community. This year’s conference theme is “Manifesting Hope, Health, and Healing”. The conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 6, 2021 from 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM.

We would like to extend an invitation to you as University constituents and community members to share in this experience by presenting a 50-minute presentation on a topic of your choice during our workshop sessions. Some topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Health Education
- Mental Health
- Financial Health
- Physical Health
- Nutrition
- Spiritual Healing
- Emotional Health
- Public Health
- COVID-19
- Black LGBTQ+ Health
- Environmental Sustainability
- Sexual Health
- Effects of Social Media
- Growing Up in a Black Household
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In organizing your workshop, we ask that you integrate elements of the conference theme into your presentation. Please use the following link to submit your proposal and an outline of your program to the Black Issues Conference Planning Committee by no later than January 22, 2021: http://trace.tennessee.edu/cgi/ir_submit.cgi?context=omsaconference.

The Black Issues Conference is free to all UT students, faculty, staff, and all registered participants. For more information and to register, please visit: https://multicultural.utk.edu/events/signature-events/bic/.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We hope that you will join us either as a presenter or as a conference attendee.