



IMPACT REPORT

October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022

A message from our founder

The Association of Black Researchers (ABR) nonprofit organization is officially a year old! We have made huge strides over the past 12 months and partnered with local and national organizations dedicated to the professional development of Black Researchers. We have increased our membership to 89, including 25 students, 30 professional, 10 Founding, and 24 waived memberships. There are also nearly 500 Black Researchers on our ABR Community email list!

Our goal is to become the **central** hub that connects Black Researchers to resources. Thank you to our community for your support. We look forward to what Year 2 has in store!

Leonore Okwara, MPH

Founder

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IMPACT SNAPSHOT

89

Student and
Professional Members

15

Professional
Development Sessions

600+

Black Researchers
reached

We made an impact in our community!

"Having an intimate setting to talk and gain insight on the role of black researchers and the work they do."

-National Black Researchers Week Attendee

"Diverse perspectives; always good to hear from Black women-so needed; also how panelists uplifted the doc student when she was feeling imposter syndrome."

-National Black Researchers Week Attendee

"I've learned to start garnering a strong research portfolio and professional/career development plan."

-Professional Development Session Attendee

YEAR IN
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2021-22



Professional Development Sessions

We hosted **15** professional development sessions with over 600+ Black researchers in attendance. Some sessions were open to the public with recordings only available to ABR members. Session topics included data storytelling, NIH loan repayment program, life as a doctoral student, barriers to research recruitment, building networks, introduction to clinical research, developing a framework, dissertation writing, creating compliant research programs, entrepreneurship, survey development basics, and introduction to health literacy.



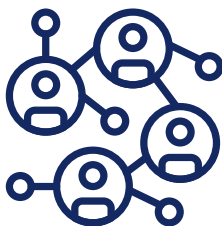
Member and Community Organization Directories

ABR directories provided another way for Black Researchers to connect and collaborate with each other and community organizations interested in working with researchers.



Members' Weekly Opportunities Email

We sent out **countless** emails to members and the general ABR community over the past year that included research opportunities per email and included trainings, job opportunities, webinars, fellowships, internships, conferences, and much more.



Networking Sessions

We hosted **two** networking sessions, "Researchers and Relaxation," that provided space for members to connect and expand their community.

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\$10,468

*Membership dues, donations, and Facebook and email fundraisers

YEAR IN
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2021-22

National Black Researchers Week (NBRW) 2022

"Amplify, Support, and Uplift all Black Researchers"

June 20-24, 2022

With over 300 attendees and 17 panelists, the inaugural **National Black Researchers Week** truly connected researchers to resources. Our panelists shared lessons learned and words of wisdom with future Black Researchers in STEM, Public Health, Trauma-Informed and Educational research disciplines. They also provided strategies to support students with resume development, job searching, and interviewing. Most importantly, students were able to ask a community of Black Researchers questions about how to navigate the professional and education research journeys.

Our attendees won giveaways, such as free ABR memberships, books from Black authors, and resume development packages. See what one of our attendees had to say...

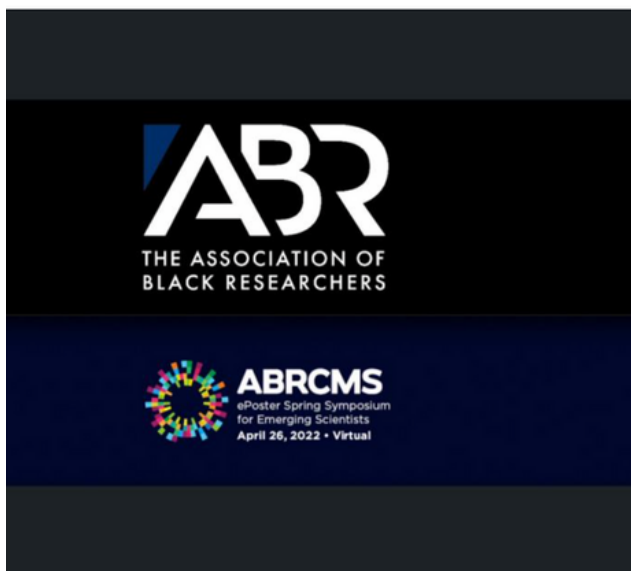
Good afternoon Ms. Leonore,

I just wanted to reach out to thank you for putting together the Black Researchers Week Panel and for facilitating the giveaway. As the winner of the giveaway, I have benefited greatly from the bronze package with Ms. Bynum. Firstly, when the COVID epidemic really started to take hold in the states I lost my job like most folks. When I was invited to the panel, I had not returned to the field of social work since I felt a little "out of touch" or not capable of getting back to the work that I loved. Through working with Ms. Bynum, not only have I revamped my resume, created a CV, and discussed cover letters, I have been able to find my confidence to get back into the field.

Since the giveaway, I secured a position with a company that does work that I am passionate about in the city that I have been wanting to move back to. I could not have done that without the knowledge provided in the panel and the amazing giveaway.



One of our ABR undergraduate student members, **Enam Fiattor**, presented on behalf of ABR at the **Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minoritized Scientists (ABRCMS)** in April. This was her first major presentation and she did an incredible job! Read more about her experience...



Enam Fiattor • 1st
Student at Northeastern University
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Last Tuesday on April 26, I had the amazing opportunity to team up with the **Association of Black Researchers (ABR)** and present at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minoritized Scientists (ABRCMS)'s ePoster Spring Symposium, hosted by the **American Society for Microbiology**.

While focusing on the Social and Behavioral Science and Public Health discipline, I looked at M.C. Bottia's Research of "Factors Associated with College STEM Participation of Racially Minoritized Students" and its relevance to current POC students in STEM, through the examination of these factors in regard to my own personal experiences.

A big thank you to **Sharon Attipoe-Dorcoo, MPH, Ph.D.** who informed me about this great opportunity to become an ABR member, as well as connected me with Leonore. Thank you to **Tere Williams** with whom I co-presented with. Also, thank you so much to **Leonore Okwara, MPH** who I spent the month of April with, prepping for this event. I had a wonderful time working with you, and I look forward to what is in store for ABR in the future!

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without your
generous
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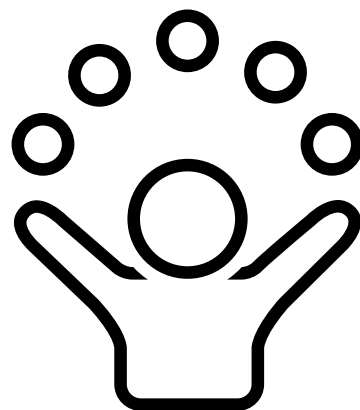
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- Halima Askar (Intern)
- Alexis Hankerson (Intern)
- Enam Fiattor (Student Presenter)

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