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Retaining African American Males in College: Hands up! Stop. Wait, Do I Belong Here?
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Because of the recent media coverage involving African American males killings in our society, many of our young men may view themselves as being marginalized and counterproductive. The perception they have of themselves may play a role in our already declining graduation rate among this population of students.

Self-efficacy and self-concept are some predictors for success among our African American males in college. As a result of this presentation, advisers will gain knowledge and understanding of different interventions as it pertains to African American males, recognize best practices in retaining and helping African American males to persist in college. Advisers be able to identify the role of mentoring in the process of student development and summarize different strategies regarding the influence of alumni engagement.