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BSD Holds Fourth Annual BOOM Experience

Designed for male students that racially identify as African, Black, Hispanic, LatinX, Native American, Southeast Asian, Pacific Islander or a mix of any who are in grades 7-12

BELLEVUE, Wash. – On Dec. 11 Bellevue School District will hold its fourth annual BOOM (Breaking Out of the Margin) Experience at Bellevue College. This event is designed for male students that racially identify as African, Black, Hispanic, LatinX, Native American, Southeast Asian, Pacific Islander or a mix of any who are in grades 7-12 in the Bellevue School District, although all students, no matter their racial background, are welcome to attend.

The all-day event provides students an opportunity to connect, be inspired and find support by leaders who racially identify like them.

“BOOM is an amazing opportunity for young Black and Brown youth to see themselves on a path to higher education and be inspired by presenters that look just like them,” said Bellevue College Foundation’s Director of Development Mareth Flores. “Open access to education is a fundamental value at Bellevue College and by hosting BOOM, we can help young people imagine and expand the possibilities for their future.”

During the experience students will hear from keynote speakers, attend workshops and high schoolers will engage in a Q&A panel.

“This event, stitched into the fabric of the BSD equity movement, offers young men a space to feel affirmed, to discuss and practice self advocacy and self awareness, and galvanizes our students around matters important to them,” said Director of Equity & Strategic Engagement Shomari Jones. “Led and supported by more than 40 staff and volunteers, our student attendees have responded positively that BOOM roots them in feeling a greater sense of connection to one another and a greater sense of belonging in their respective schools.”

A similar opportunity, SHOUT will be offered to female students in the district this spring.

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