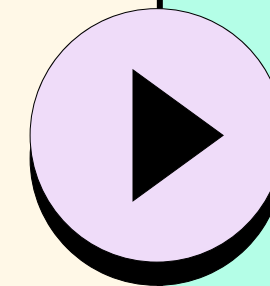
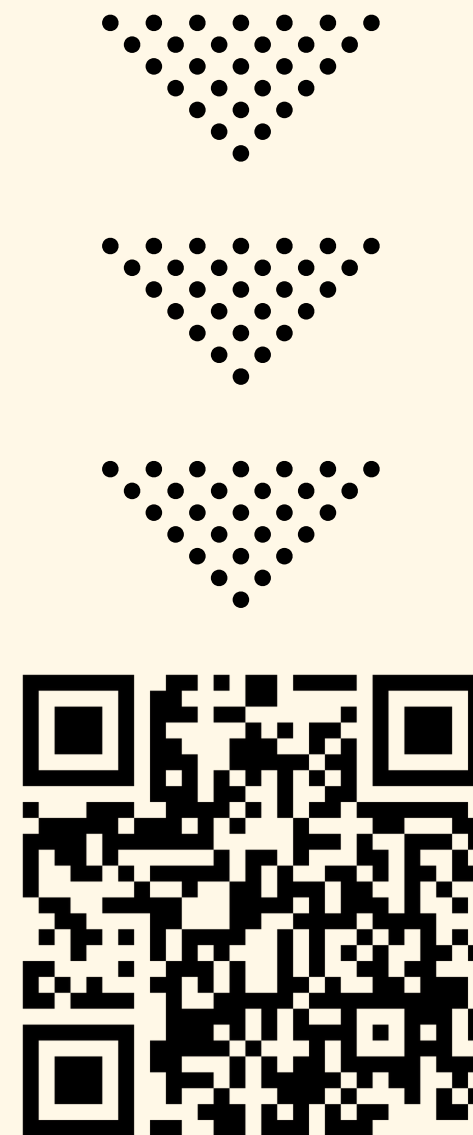


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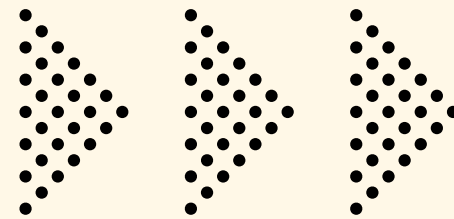
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# INTRODUCTION



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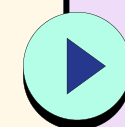
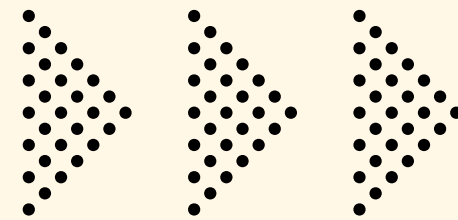
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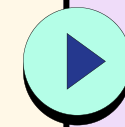
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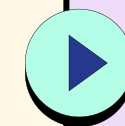
# ICE BREAKER

**Name**

Share your name, institution, and role.

**Issue**

One issue they are passionate about on campus

**Challenge**

One barrier with organizing on your campus.



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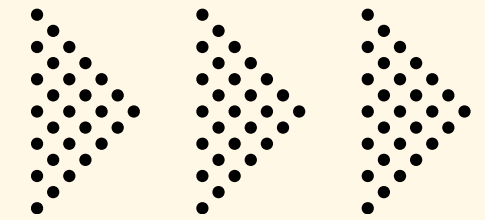
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# IMPORTANCE OF ORGANIZING



Organizing at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) remains crucial in 2025 —both in maintaining the legacy of these institutions and addressing the evolving challenges of the current era.





# ADVANCING RACIAL JUSTICE & SOCIAL CHANGE

HBCUs and MSIs are grounded in the legacy of combating racial inequality and injustice. Organizing helps continue the fight for racial equity, especially in the face of systemic racism that persists across various sectors—education, law enforcement, healthcare, and employment.

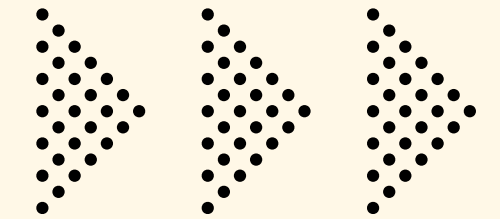
## Engagement Activities:

- Social Justice Forums
- Collaborative Activism Campaigns
- Workshop on Community Building





# FOSTER LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



Organizing helps students cultivate leadership skills, enabling them to be more effective advocates for their communities and themselves. As future leaders in their respective fields, the skills they gain through activism—like communication, coalition-building, and policy analysis—are invaluable.

## Engagement Activities:

- Leadership Development Programs
- Student Government and Advocacy Training
- Student-Led Conferences



# BUILDING CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Organizing helps create a sense of belonging and unity among students from diverse backgrounds. It ensures that students feel supported, valued, and able to contribute to their collective experience, particularly for underrepresented groups who may face isolation or exclusion.

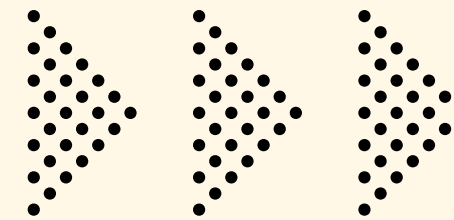
## Engagement Activities:

- Cultural and Identity-Based Clubs
- Peer Support Networks
- Community Service Projects





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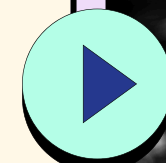
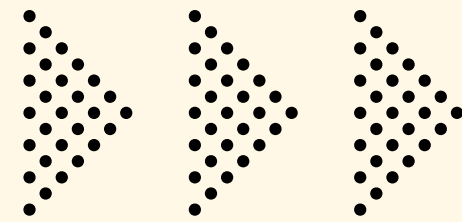


Envision and generate ideas for how their campus can evolve over the next few years in terms of social justice, leadership development, and community engagement.

- What would you want our campus to look like in 2025?
- How can we foster a more inclusive, supportive, and empowering environment?
- What role can students play in shaping this vision?

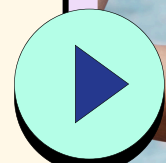


# CLOSING REMARKS



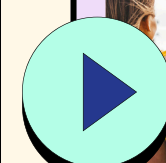
## *Focus One*

**Advancing Racial  
Justice & Social  
Change**



## *Focus Two*

**Fostering Leadership  
Development and  
Student Empowerment**



## *Focus Three*

**Building Campus  
Community and  
Solidarity**



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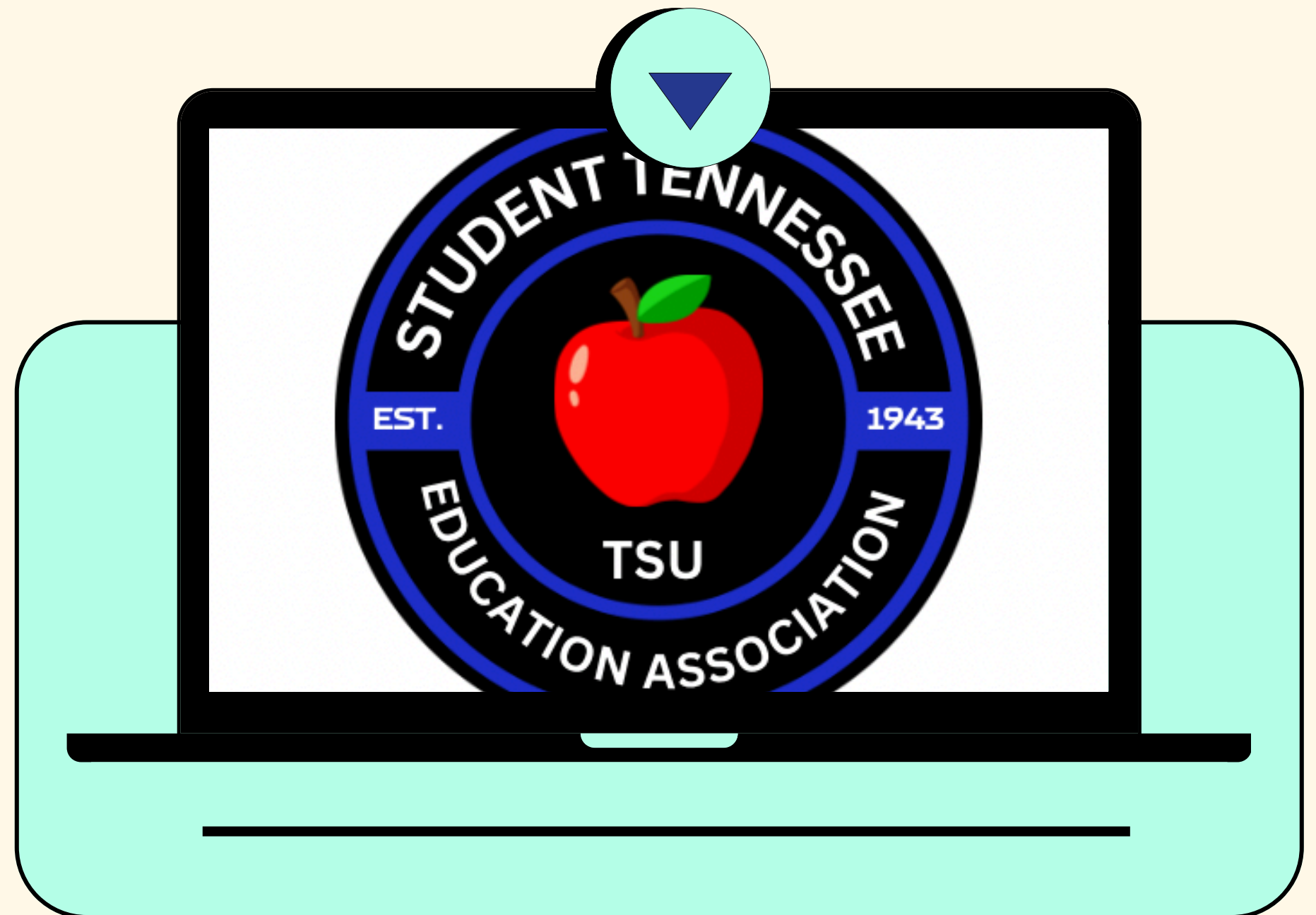
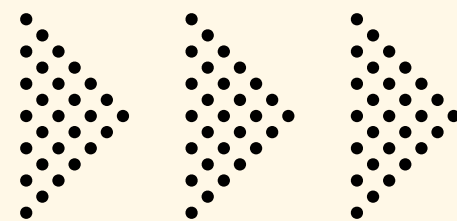
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