



Black Biomechanists Association

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Welcome!

Welcome to the **Black Biomechanists Association!**

It has taken many years to get this group off the ground, but we are so excited to finally be a **solid presence**. We are looking forward to **connecting** with you all and hope to **collaborate** with scientific organizations, such as your own, to **provide some much needed support** for our Black colleagues across the vast disciplines within the biomechanics community.

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Objectives

- ❖ To provide a supportive environment to discuss the challenges, needs, and interests of Black biomechanists.
- ❖ To provide resources that encourage visibility, increase engagement, and empower Black biomechanists.
- ❖ To aid in the biomechanics community's efforts to achieve diversity, equity, and inclusivity.

More Information

- ❖ Want to join our efforts?
 - ❖ Fill out our [Membership Form](#)
- ❖ We're social! Check us out!
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American Society of Biomechanics Meeting Summary

At this year's annual American Society of Biomechanics (ASB) meeting, we hosted our first two meetings. The purpose of these meetings was to provide a safe space for open discussion to establish the needs of members, discuss objectives for the group, and gain feedback on how to better relay issues and developments that affect the Black Biomechanists community back to the ASB Diversity committee. Each meeting generated great discussions on various topics that will benefit us greatly as we move forward with event planning and further establishing this group. Some key takeaways:

- ❖ Within the Black Biomechanists Association:
 - Events throughout the year outside of ASB (social, outreach, and professional development).
 - Provide platforms and spaces for interaction as well as visibility.
 - Provide award/funding opportunities to support member conference attendance (often a barrier for conference attendance/participation).
 - Provide "layered mentoring" to encourage continuity and facilitate engagement and retention of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) students and scientists within the field of biomechanics.
 - Create outreach opportunities for ASB that go to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI), and Tribal Universities to discuss biomechanics.
 - Identifying and combatting Anti-Blackness in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).
 - Increasing black representation in study participation, as well as for persons with disabilities.
 - Representation across ASB leadership to help address systemic barriers and relay needs/interests of the BIPOC community within ASB and broadly to the biomechanics field.