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## NAMC Call to Action

### NAMC Student Chapter Visits Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD – Data Science and Artificial Intelligence Institute (DSAI Center Project) as Guest of Whiting-Turner Contracting Company

*We Must Stay Focused On What Truly Matters*



*NAMC Student Chapter members attend a presentation by Whiting-Turner at JHU DSAI project in Baltimore, MD*

Another truly impactful event took place this week for our students of all races and genders. Visiting the **Touchpoint Community Center** was an eye-opening experience.

A special thank you to **Tim Regan, CEO of Whiting-Turner**; **Calvin Butler, CEO of Exelon Corporation**; and **Tamla Olivier, President and CEO of BGE (Baltimore Gas and Electric Company)** for her inspiring message, and to **Jim Simpson** and **Dennis Smith** of the NAMC DMV Chapter.

**Wendell Stemley**, NAMC President, stated, “Nothing we do is more important than what we do in

developing our young people through the NAMC student chapters. We must always strive to find ways to motivate those underrepresented in our industry.

**We cannot get lost in the confusion surrounding DEI— our students, workers, and vendors need us now more than ever.**

Many minority students are on campuses where they are isolated in small groups, or at HBCUs that are often under-resourced and underfunded. We serve as a bridge to the industry, helping to shine a light on this resource gap. We must remain focused on the mission—with or without government support—and that mission is developing our youth.

The industry is facing a shortage of engineers and skilled workers— those are the hard facts. The student chapter program is growing, and schools are collaborating and engaging with chapter partners.”



*Tim Regan, CEO of Whiting-Turner; Tamla Olivier, President and CEO of BGE (Baltimore Gas and Electric Company); Wendell Stemley, NAMC National President.*

### **Participating institutions included:**

The Myers-Lawson School of Construction, Virginia Tech (Blacksburg, VA); Florida A&M University (Tallahassee, FL); Florida State University (Tallahassee, FL); Prairie View A&M University (Houston, TX); University of Maryland (College Park, MD); and Morgan State University (Baltimore, MD).



*NAMC Student Chapter members, Whiting-Turner, Virginia Tech, and NAMC representatives.*

Please contact the NAMC national office with questions or comments.

Respectfully,

**Wendell R. Stemley, CMAA**  
**NAMC National President**

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