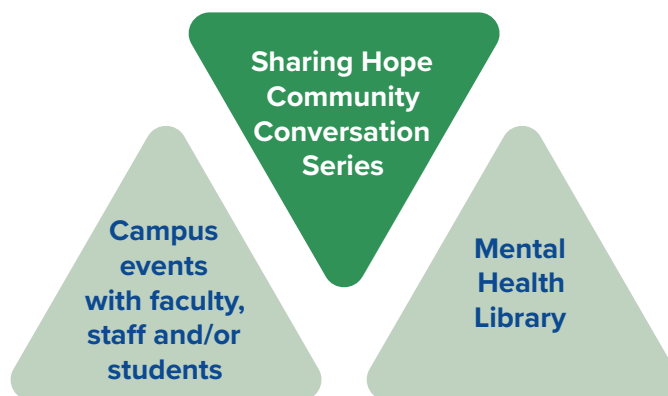


Black/African Ancestry College Student Engagement



The National Alliance on Mental Illness's (NAMI) **Black African/Ancestry College Student outreach** initiative is a new initiative designed to inspire Black and African Ancestry college students to collaborate with their counseling centers and local communities to come up with new, innovative ways to care for their mental health and well-being; and learn how to support their peers. Our focus is to bridge the gaps in mental health services and support for Black/African Ancestry college students managing the challenges of attending college.

Designed for college students and mindful of the unique needs of each institution, NAMI aims to partner with colleges and universities to provide spaces of healing that include ancestral wisdom and sacred storytelling. This approach supports students, school staff and faculty in hosting mental health events aimed at raising awareness of services on campus and in partnership with community organizations and faith institutions, if desired. Activities may include panel discussions, healing circles, community conversations and mental health fairs or concerts. Creativity is encouraged!



To learn more about NAMI's Black/African Ancestry College Student Engagement please contact Juno Pitchford (jpitchford@nami.org) Manager, HBCU/College Engagement.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is the nation's leading grassroots mental health organization. NAMI's mission is to provide advocacy, education, support, and public awareness so that all individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives.