

Anderson reflects on years in program, credits it for transforming his mind

When Warren Anderson is asked about his years as a participant in the Black Male College Explorers Program (BMCEP) at Florida A&M University, he is quick to explain how the program helped to guide him as a young black male while in high school. It is this memory that continues to drive his actions and interactions with others now as an adult. He is among a group of other participants from his era in BMCEP who believe that the program turns lives around.



Anderson said his involvement was from 1992-2000. He credits then director Tommy Mitchell Sr. and coordinator Adel Manatee for modeling the right thing to do every day. After being a participant, he also came back to give back, serving the program as a mentor.

“Mr. Mitchell and Ms. Manatee guided us as young black men while we were in high school, and all the way until we graduated from FAMU,” Anderson said. “These years helped shape, mold, and gave me a better view on what life was all about. To God be the glory. I’d say to all of the young men who were a part of the experience during that time, Rattler pride forever.”