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Abdul Tubman and New Solutions Network Announce Partnership to Advance Community Empowerment Initiatives

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New York, NY, February 20, 2026 (PinionNewswire) — Abdul Tubman, Director of Operations at The Corners Community, and Natanya Wachtel, founder of the New Solutions Network (NSN), today announced a strategic partnership aimed at expanding access to financial literacy, behavioral-science-based coaching, and community empowerment programs across academic and community settings.



Abdul Tubman, Director of Operations at The Corners Community, speaking at the City University of New York Black Male Initiative (BMI) event, January 2026

The collaboration brings together Tubman's work in financial education and community development with NSN's behavioral science and wellness frameworks. The partnership will focus on developing structured initiatives that combine financial capability, personal agency, and decision-making skills for students, families, and underserved communities.

Initial Programs and Academic Engagement

One of the first initiatives under the partnership is the **CUNY BMI x Legacy Fund Pilot**, which will be implemented in collaboration with the City University of New York's Black Male Initiative (BMI). The pilot program is designed to support graduating students through a combination of financial literacy education, long-term financial planning tools, and behavioral coaching.

According to the organizations, participants will receive instruction focused on budgeting, savings, credit awareness, and long-term planning, alongside coaching modules designed to support communication skills, self-confidence, and goal setting. Program outcomes will be tracked using defined financial and behavioral indicators.

"The goal of this partnership is to connect practical financial education with tools that support personal decision-making and long-term stability," said **Abdul Tubman**, Director of Operations at The Corners Community. "By aligning resources across institutions and communities, we aim to create pathways that translate education into measurable opportunity."

Behavioral Science and Community Programming

In parallel with campus-based initiatives, the partnership will introduce TrueYOU-powered workshops developed by New Solutions Network. These programs are designed to support emotional regulation, communication skills, and family stability through structured group sessions informed by behavioral science.



The Corners Community, a nonprofit organization advancing financial literacy, cultural identity, and community empowerment.

NSN stated that the workshops will be piloted in community settings, with a focus on parents, youth, and first-generation participants. The programs are intended to complement existing community services rather than replace them.



Abdul Tubman and Dr. Natanya Wachtel at the City University of New York Black Male Initiative event, marking the launch of their collaboration on community empowerment initiatives.

“Effective empowerment requires both access and understanding,” said **Natanya Wachtel**, Founder of New Solutions Network.

“This collaboration allows us to apply behavioral science in real-world environments alongside financial education, with a focus on practical outcomes.”

Broader Scope and Ongoing Development

The partnership is framed as an operational collaboration rather than a symbolic initiative. Both organizations indicated that additional programs, public discussions, and educational resources are planned, with further details to be announced as initiatives are rolled out.

The collaboration builds on ongoing work by both parties in education, financial literacy, and community engagement, with an emphasis on scalable models that can be adapted across institutions and regions.



(L to R) Jorge F. Alguera (University Deputy Director CUNY BMI, JD), Abdul Tubman, Professor Andrew “Sekou” Jackson (York College adjunct professor), Dr. Denise Maybank (CUNY Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs), Dr. Marcia Cantarella (member of the Dean’s staff at New York University’s College of Arts and Science), Dr. Ron West (Special Projects Coordinator CUNY BMI), Natanya Wachtel, and Dr. Jonathan Quash (University Executive Director CUNY BMI) at a CUNY Black Male Initiative event focused on leadership, identity, and empowerment.

About Abdul Tubman

Abdul Tubman is a civic leader and financial professional serving as Director of Operations at The Corners Community, a nonprofit organization focused on financial literacy, cultural identity, and community empowerment. His work includes developing programs that support economic education and long-term opportunity for students and underserved populations.

About New Solutions Network (NSN)

New Solutions Network (NSN) is a multidisciplinary organization operating at the intersection of behavioral science, wellness, and education. Founded by Natanya Wachtel, NSN develops evidence-informed frameworks and programs designed to support personal development, communication, and community-based outcomes.



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