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I will describe the process that led to the recruitment and graduation of a significant number of African American mathematics students at the University of Maryland and give my view of the essential elements for such a program. (Received September 27, 2005)