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VCU SCHOOL OF EDUCATION MINORITY EDUCATION CENTER

Monthly Newsletter



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MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Our mentorship program provides an opportunity for educators of color to enhance their educational experience by connecting them with our Inservice School of Education alum in order to create relationships that will successfully increase retention.

EMERGENCY FUNDING

Applicants are able to receive up to \$1,000 per academic year to use for books, tuition, professional development or personal hardships.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our goal is provide access to professional development opportunities both within VCU and throughout the country. This includes pre and inservice trainings, continuing education modules and dismantling inequities series.

EQUITY: A PODCAST SERIES

This month we've launched our podcast series,
"Equity." Catch up with us as our staff discusses the
mission/vision for MERREC plus hear our
conversations with our student leaders, as well as,
Drs. William Hunter and Jonte Taylor who are experts
in the field of Special Education.

Make sure to subscribe to the VCU Minority Education Center on SoundCloud or add us to your Apple Podcast favs list to be alerted each time a new episode is available!

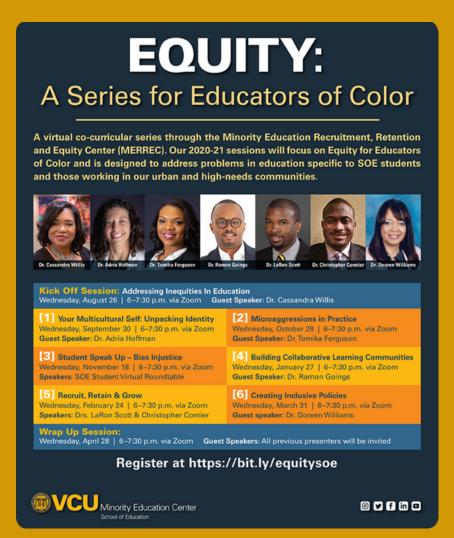
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Take A Listen

EQUITY: A SERIES FOR **EDUCATORS OF COLOR**

A virtual co-curricular series, our 2020-21 sessions will focus on Equity for Educators of Color and is designed to address problems in the teacher education pipeline specific to School of Education students and those working in our urban and highneeds communities.

Each session is free and our guest speakers are our very own VCU School of Education faculty and other national guests. Simply click on the flyer below to get regsitered!







UPCOMING EVENTS:

2020 MERC Conference Friday, October 16, 2020 Register here

VCU School of Education Presents: Becoming an Antiracist Educator. Multiple Sessions through 2021 Register here

MERREC Equity Series: Microaggressions in Practice w/ Dr. Tomika Ferguson Register here

NEW STUDENT ORGANIZATION:

The Advocacy and Leadership Association of Minority Educators (ALAME) is an organization that strives to promote and advocate for equitable access and opportunities for minority educators to maximize all aspects of student growth inclusive of academic, social, emotional, and career development. Details will be released soon regarding general body meetings and upcoming events!

> President: Timothy Sinkfield Vice President: Jacqueline Wilson Treasurer: Kelly Ndayizigiye

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: **IMANI EVANS**



Imani is a first year PhD student in Special Education and Disability Leadership. Her research interests include diversification of the special education workforce, disproportionate representation of students of color in special education, and practices in urban and high-needs communities. Her favorite thing about MERREC thus far is being able to witness the voices of minority professionals in the field of education be amplified through various platforms.

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