

# 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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### EQUITY: A Podcast Series

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# 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 high-needs 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 registered!

## EQUITY: A Series for Educators of Color

A virtual co-curricular series through the Minority Education Recruitment, Retention and Equity Center (MERREC). Our 2020-21 sessions will focus on Equity for Educators of Color and is designed to address problems in education specific to SOE students and those working in our urban and high-needs communities.









<b>Kick Off Session:</b> Addressing Inequities In Education Wednesday, August 26   6-7:30 p.m. via Zoom Guest Speaker: Dr. Cassandra Willis	
<b>[1] Your Multicultural Self: Unpacking Identity</b> Wednesday, September 30   6-7:30 p.m. via Zoom Guest Speaker: Dr. Adria Hoffman	<b>[2] Microaggressions in Practice</b> Wednesday, October 28   6-7:30 p.m. via Zoom Guest Speaker: Dr. Tomika Ferguson
<b>[3] Student Speak Up – Bias Injustice</b> Wednesday, November 18   6-7:30 p.m. via Zoom Speakers: SOE Student Virtual Roundtable	<b>[4] Building Collaborative Learning Communities</b> Wednesday, January 27   6-7:30 p.m. via Zoom Guest Speaker: Dr. Ramon Goings
<b>[5] Recruit, Retain &amp; Grow</b> Wednesday, February 24   6-7:30 p.m. via Zoom Speakers: Drs. LaRon Scott & Christopher Cormier	<b>[6] Creating Inclusive Policies</b> Wednesday, March 31   6-7:30 p.m. via Zoom Guest speaker: Dr. Doreen Williams
<b>Wrap Up Session:</b> Wednesday, April 28   6-7:30 p.m. via Zoom Guest Speakers: All previous presenters will be invited	

Register at <https://bit.ly/equitysoe>



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## 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.