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A Message from the Director:

Greetings!

On behalf of the Center for Fairness, Justice, and Equity in the College of Education (FJE), I am delighted to present to you a bi-monthly newsletter highlighting, celebrating, and announcing the impactful and collaborative work being done through meaningful partnerships with COE students, staff, and faculty. In addition to partnering with members of the COE, the FJE is working with community partners to ensure that an equitable and inclusive education is accessible and attainable for all.

– Dr. Michelle Stevens, Director



Official Launch

The FJE was officially launched as a center based in the College of Education in March of 2022. During the past three months, many of the fundamental building blocks that will help the FJE fulfill its mission were put in place. Some of these building blocks include: 1) forming and engaging with a faculty and staff Advisory Team, 2) forming and engaging with COE student volunteers, 3) welcoming an executive aide and graduate assistant, 4) conducting a student needs assessment, 5) sponsoring a successful book drive in partnership with the United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties, and 6) launching the first installment of a faculty lunch and learn series.

Staying Connected

To keep those interested in utilizing the FJE as a resource as well as our COE and community partners informed about the FJE vision, mission, and activities, we have expanded our website and launched a social media campaign.

You can stay connected with the FJE in several ways:

- Find more information about the vision, mission and resources offered on our website:
<https://www.mtsu.edu/fjecoe/index.php>
- To stay up to date of events and announcements, follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter: @fjecoe_mtsu



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COE Advisory Team

The COE faculty and staff Advisory Team has been busy over the past couple of months! Some of the tasks completed include:

- operationalizing often used definitions and
- creating a COE Commitment to Diversity Statement
- approving on upcoming FJE programming activity

A complete list of the COE Advisory Team can be found on our website:

<https://www.mtsu.edu/fjecoe/advisoryteam.php>

Student Volunteers

Our student volunteers consist of COE graduate students (we are currently looking for interested undergraduates) who have been meeting with us throughout the summer to brainstorm about future program topics through a student's perspective. Based on the feedback and contribution of identifying potentially helpful tools and resources, the FJE is on its way to providing resources for educators and professionals in the field as well as to the members of the COE.

A complete list of the Student Volunteers can be found on our website:

<https://www.mtsu.edu/fjecoe/studentvolunteers.php>

Man-Up Teacher Fellowship

Our partnership with Man-Up Teacher Fellowship ([read more on our website](#)) is focused on the intentional recruitment and retention of Black and Brown Men in various programs within the COE. Fellows of past Man-Up cohorts have been participating in the CUSTOMS yard parties to spread the word of our initiative. We are excited to announce that because of the intentional emphasis placed on highlighting the need for more male teachers of color by our initiative there are several potential fellows in the beginning stages of our admissions process and will hopefully be fully enrolled starting this Fall. To learn more about the Man-Up initiative and how you can support the mission [go here](#).

Anticipated Fall Events

- COE Welcome Back Reception
- Faculty Lunch and Learn Series
- 'The More You Know' Student and Faculty Resource Forums
- LGBTQIA+ Workshops
- COE Book Club
- Networking Activities

We look forward to a productive start of the Fall 2022 semester!