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Greetings!

We hope your semester has gotten off to a smooth and productive start! Throughout the summer, the FJE has planned a variety of fall activities dedicated to the pursuit of Fairness, Justice, and Equity in the College of Education (COE). As a result of that preparation, we are partnering with members of the COE and the greater MTSU community to provide access to resources throughout the campus.

Keep reading to find out about more about what the FJE has been up to!

Welcome Back Reception:

The FJE was excited to host a Welcome Back Reception co-sponsored by the College of Education, the Department of Educational Leadership and the Department of Elementary and Special Education on August 19th. During that reception we had the opportunity to meet and greet our colleagues throughout the COE and to learn more about the FJE. We were also able to welcome new faculty and staff to the college! Lastly, we offered tours of the Center for Counseling and Psychological Services which is housed in the Miller Education Building.



Student Success Skills Workshops:

During the first week of classes, we were honored to host a Student Success Skills Workshops (90-minute workshops aimed at enhancing academic and personal success skills of COE students), which featured a presentation by our own, Dr. Alicia Abney. Dr. Abney provided pertinent and timely information for participants on topics such as effectively using a syllabus as a success tool as well as using tools to calculate grades from the beginning of the semester. Many thanks to Dr. Abney for such a timely topic and her dedication to our students!



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So You Know Resource Forums:

To promote some of the useful resources on campus, we hosted resource forums for Faculty/Staff and Students throughout the month of August. We kicked off our first Resource Fair with a wonderful presentation by the MTSU Writing Center.

Students of Color Collective:

The COE Students of Color Collective provides a safe and open space to ensure an inclusive environment where all are valued, included, and empowered to succeed. All COE Students of Color and student allies who have a shared interest in the success and enrichment of communities of color are welcome to attend. Meetings are scheduled for the last Wednesday of September, October, and November from 4-6 pm in COE 110.



Tabling Tuesdays:

The FJE will be greeting students, staff, and faculty on the second floor of the College of Education building. Come learn more about the FJE and some of our upcoming events!



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FJE In the Community

TECA:

The FJE was honored to sponsor the Ascension Project kickoff with our community partner, Tennessee Educators of Color Alliance (TECA). TECA celebrated their 2022-2023 cohort of their Ascension project program, a leadership program supporting future teacher of color throughout the state. We look forward to continuing our partnership with TECA in support of the state's future teachers of color. Learn more about TECA and the ascension program [here](#).

Man Up:

We continue to partner with Man Up Teacher Fellowship to help to recruit and retain diverse teacher candidates. To learn more about our partnership with Man Up and how to recommend a student to be a part of our program, [go here](#). 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. This semester we will be attending TrueBlue tours and will be visiting area high schools and community centers. We are focused on the retention of existing male students of color, providing mentoring and networking opportunities. To learn more about the Man-Up initiative and how you can support the mission [go here](#).

Schedule Changes:

To ensure that the COE community is provided access to helpful resources around campus, we have changed that way we are providing information to the COE the FJE. We are meeting with various offices on campus to compile useful information to be distributed throughout the semester. As a result, our previously advertised schedule has been updated. We are happy to report that the Students of Color Collective will continue to meet the last Wednesday of every month. Additionally, we will still offer our Lunch and Learn featuring Dr. Tim Odegard on November 30th from 1-2:30.