



Mentoring@Purdue Presents:

The 2021 Summer Scholars Program



*7 Years of Excellence
Rooted in Diversity*

**Purdue University
College of Agriculture
June 11-12, 2021**

Special Thanks

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Purdue University

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Dr. Julius Eason, Director of Graduate Diversity Initiatives

College of Agriculture

Dr. Shawn Donkin, Assistant Dean and Associate Director of Agricultural Research and Graduate Education
Dr. Pamala Morris, Assistant Dean and Director of Multicultural Programs
Dr. Mark Russell, Head, Department of Agricultural Sciences Education & Communication

Graduate Programs of Study

Department of Agricultural & Biological Engineering (ABE)
Department of Agricultural Economics (ARGE)
Department of Agricultural Sciences Education & Communication (ASEC)
Department of Animal Sciences (ANSC)
Department of Biochemistry (BCHM)
Department of Botany & Plant Pathology (BTNY)
Department of Ecological Sciences & Engineering (ESE)
Department of Entomology (ENTM)
Department of Food Science (FS)
Department of Forestry & Natural Resources (FNR)
Department of Horticulture & Landscape Architecture (HLA)
Department of Interdisciplinary Life Science (ILS)
Department of Agronomy (AGRY)
Interdepartmental Nutrition Program (INP)

College of Veterinary Medicine
College of Health and Human Sciences

Purdue Student Support and Services

Jennifer Franklin, Graduate Program Coordinator, Agricultural Sciences Education Communication
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Skylar Kantola & Ayanna Bledsoe, Office of Multicultural Programs
Arianna Rambaram & Temitope Adeoye, Black Graduate Student Association
Purdue Graduate Students

Special Guest

Sierra Nance, Tony Larkin, and Nnamdi Edokobi, HBCU- DAP

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Schedule at a Glance

Time	Agenda	Who (speaker/host)
Friday, June 11th (Day 1)		
7:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.	Welcome, Opening Remarks, & Introduction of M@P SSP Team	Dr. Levon Esters, Dr. Neil Knobloch, Dr. John Gates, Dr. Pamala Morris, M@P SSP Coordinator
7:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.	Networking & Social Hour	Hosted by M@P team members with special guests!
Saturday, June 12th (Day 2)		
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Opening Activity	Crenel Francis Jr.
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Keynote	Dr. Brittini Brown
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Workshop A: Facilitating the Transition from MSI to PWI	Dr. Brandon Allen and Dr. Torrie Cropps
11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Break (Pre-Questionnaire)	
11:35 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Workshop B: Campus Resources	Multicultural Programs, Graduate Diversity Initiatives
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch Break	
1:20 p.m. – 1:35 p.m.	Workshop C: Funding Graduate School	Dr. Shawn Donkin
1:40 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Reflection Activity	Crenel Francis Jr.
1:50 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	Workshop D: Application Process for Graduate School	Dr. Neil Knobloch and Dr. Levon Esters
2:55 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.	Social Networking Activity	Black Graduate Student Association
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Panel: Purdue from a Graduate Student Perspective	Graduate Students
4:40 p.m. – 5:40 p.m.	Conversations with Department Representatives: Breakout Rooms	Department Representatives
5:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks	Mentoring@Purdue Team

2021 M@P Summer Scholars

Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University

O'Maya Ajogbor
Year: Senior
Interested Area(s):
Veterinary Medicine

Albany State University

Bernadette Hernandez
Year: Senior
Interested Area(s):
Psychology, Clinical
Mental Health
Counseling

Coppin State University

Ruth Damoah
Year: Junior
Interested Area(s):
Biomedical Sciences

Grambling State University

Destney Johnson
Year: Junior
Interested Area(s):
Business, Real Estate

Hampton University

Georquel Goodwin
Year: Recent
Graduate
Interested Area(s):
ARGE, ASEC, ESE,
BTNY

Kentucky State University

Dustin Hodges	Audi Hicks
Year: Senior	Year: Freshman
Interested Area(s): Biotechnology, Nutrition, Neuroscience	Interested Area(s): Health Science

North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University

Mikayla Trollinger

Year: Recent

Graduate

Interested Area(s):

Veterinary Medicine

North Carolina State University

Taleek Harlee **Year:** Senior

Interested Area(s): Agricultural
Sciences Education and
Communication

Prairie View Agricultural & Mechanical University

Ines Frazier

Year: Senior

Interested Area(s):

Agronomy,
Nutrition,
Horticulture, Natural
Resources

Spelman College

Aliana Stanley

Year: Junior

Interested Area(s):

Food Science

Tennessee State University

Anarra Williams

Year: Senior

Interested Area(s):

Food Science,
Dietetics

Anthony Branch

Year: Sophomore

Interested Area(s):

Veterinary Medicine

Angelique Hamilton

Year: Sophomore

Interested Area(s):

Veterinary Medicine,
Animal Science

Azia Tanks

Year: Sophomore

Interested Area(s):

Veterinary Medicine

Virginia State University

Deannra Richards

Year: Senior

Interested Area(s):

Agricultural
Sciences Education
and
Communication

Nieko Ward

Year: Junior

Interested Area(s):

Veterinary Clinical
Sciences

Daria Clinkscales

Year: Senior

Interested Area(s):

Food Science,
Veterinary Medicine

Kyle Jacobs

Year: Senior

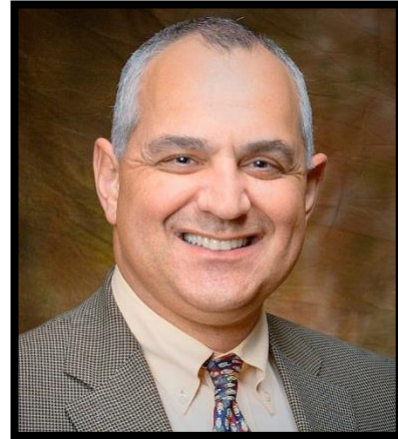
Interested Area(s):

Leadership and
Innovation,
Technology,
Management

Mentoring@Purdue Team



Dr. Levon Esters
Co-Director



Dr. Neil Knobloch
Co-Director



Crenel Francis Jr.
M@P Coordinator



Ryan Kornegay
M@P Coordinator



Stephen McBride
M@P Coordinator



Andres Zabala-Perilla
M@P Coordinator

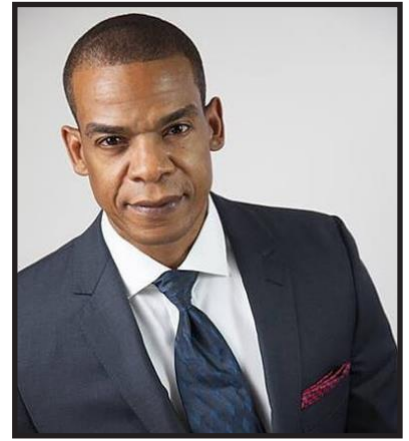
Distinguished Guests and Speakers



Brittini Brown, PhD
Assistant Vice President for
Student Affairs, University of
Maryland, Baltimore County



Veronica Rahim, MS
Senior Career Services
Consultant, Purdue
University, Center for Career
Opportunities



John Gates, PhD
Vice Provost for Diversity and
Inclusion, Purdue University



Brandon Allen, PhD
Purdue University, ASPIRE
Diversity and Culture of
Inclusion (DCI), and Engineering
Workforce Development (EWD)
Program Manager



Torrie Cropps, PhD
Postdoctoral Research Associate,
Rice University



Pamala Morris, PhD
Director of Multicultural Programs,
Purdue University



Julius Eason, PhD
Office of Graduate Diversity
Initiatives (OGDI), Purdue
University



Dr. Shawn Donkin, PhD, Assistant
Dean and Associate Director of
Agricultural Research and Graduate
Education, Purdue University

Departmental Representatives

Entomology

Dr. Ian Kaplan

Agricultural Biological Engineering

Dr. Meng Deng

Botany and Plant Pathology

Mariama Brown

Animal Science

Dr. Kolapo Ajuwon

Carmen Wickware

Tobi Ogunribido

Agricultural Economics

Dr. Nicole Widmar

Zachary Neuhofer

Agronomy

Dr. Richard Grant

Richard Roth

Biochemistry

Dr. Jennifer Wisecaver

Robert Auber

Interdisciplinary Life Science (PULSe)

Janiel Ahkin Chin Tai

Forestry and Natural Resources

Kelsey Tobin

Veterinary Medicine

Aaron Lewis

Ecological Sciences Engineering

Rachel Scarlett

Interdepartmental Nutrition Program

Rana Chehab

Food Science

Dr. Owen Jones

Halak Mehta

Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication

Dr. Levon Esters

Dr. Neil Knobloch

Horticulture and Landscape Architecture

Dr. Linda Prokopy

University Representation



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are some ways that I can take advantage of this program experience?
 - A. Engage, engage, engage! With all sessions, please take the time to take notes and ask questions if time permits. You may also submit questions to a M@P team member who will be available all throughout the sessions
2. What do I do if I have technical issues?
 - A. First, check your wireless connection. Second, log off and log back into the meeting. Third, restart computer and notify one of the M@P team members to help you troubleshoot. Also, for further help visit [Zoom](#).
3. Can I talk to someone about my résumé, CV, and/or statement of purpose?
 - A. There will be a session on Friday with someone from the Center for Career Opportunities to answer questions regarding your resume or CV. Workshop D: ‘Application process for graduate school’ will assist you with your statement of purpose and there will also be time for a Q&A.
4. How can I learn more about funding?
 - A. Please pay close attention to Workshop C: ‘Funding Graduate School’ and visit the Purdue’s Graduate School website for funding opportunities [Graduate School Funding](#).
5. How can I get in touch with department faculty?
 - A. We encourage you to search your department of interest faculty pages and email any faculty of interest using our M@P Resource Guide to help you structure your emails and approach.
6. What are we required to wear during the SSP virtual experience?
 - A. Please wear your school shirt or polo for Friday and business casual for Saturday. You may wear business casual for both days if you are unsure your attire is appropriate.
7. What is Zoom etiquette?
 - A. Please find a link here: [Zoom Etiquette & Tips](#).
8. How may I contact any presenters, guests, and speakers from SSP?
 - A. Please refer to this program guide. Purdue faculty, staff and student information is available on their respective department and division pages. If you are not able to find a contact, please reach out to Crenel Francis Jr., SSP Coordinator.

Notes
