Multicultural Affairs Committee

African-American Sub-Committee

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you on behalf of the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), the Multicultural Affairs Committee (MAC), and the African-American Subcommittee. Consistent with NASP’s Strategic Goals in the areas of social justice and workforce shortages, several multi-year initiatives are underway to recruit and retain school psychologists, especially those who are from diverse backgrounds. It is critically important that school psychologists reflect the students, families, schools, and communities they serve.

After a very successful pilot implementation during the Spring 2018 semester, NASP is pleased to officially launch the *Exposure Project* (EP) to introduce all undergraduates, especially diverse students, to the field of school psychology. To measure success, we will be tracking the number of presentations completed and the number of students who attend each session. Additionally, using QR code technology, we will be asking students to provide important demographic information (e.g., year in college, major, and whether they are interested in learning more about school psychology) for continued follow-up and support.

With your permission, we would like **to present school psychology career information to undergraduates each semester. We envision a 30-minute presentation followed by the opportunity for questions and answers.** To accommodate college and university schedules, we are flexible in how these presentations occur (e.g., during certain classes for psychology or education majors, during club meetings, and/or arranged through the career center). If faculty or staff in other departments and offices (e.g., psychology, education, African American studies, career services, multicultural affairs) should be contacted, please let me know.

If you would like to support this exciting project that will shape the future of school psychology, please let me know and I will be in touch with scheduling a time to present to your students. If you would like additional information about the EP, please feel free to contact Dr. Charles Barrett, African-American Subcommittee Co-Chair, using the information provided below.

I look forward to speaking with you in the very near future.

With respect and gratitude,

 

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