

**Inclusive Educational and Clinical Programs**  
*Educational Equity (EDEQ)*  
Productivity Report August 2019 – April 2020

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**Staff:**

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Chandra Boone, Director of Secondary Math  
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Jessica Pontoo, Associate Director of Recruitment  
Shannon Heard, Manager of Program Design  
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**Significant achievements and/or changes in your program**

Enrollment Growth

Program	Enrollment 2019-2020	Change Since 2018-2019
<b>EDEQ Total Enrollment</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>7 (+ 50)</b>
• Elementary Education	23	0 (+23)
• English Language Arts	16	4 (+12)
• Mathematics	10	3 (+7)
• Science	1	0 (+1)
• Art	1	0 (+1)
• Library	1	0 (+1)
• SPED	2	0 (+2)
• Career Technical Education	3	0 (+3)

\*Endorsement enrollment based on invited self-report and may be inaccurate

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### Publications/Research Activities of Note

Howard, J., & Mayes, E. (In press, August 2020). Educational Moneyball: School Administrators' Decision Making in the Screening and Selection of Effective Teachers. *International Journal of Educational Research*.

Burks, L. (2020). Using Arts Education in STEM with the Science and Engineering Practice of Developing and Using Models. In K. Thomas & D. Huffman (Eds.), *Challenges and Opportunities for Transforming from STEM to STEAM Education*. Hershey, PA: IGI Global

Burks, L., & Huffman, D. (2019). Critical thinking and developing and using models in STEM education. In S. Robinson & V. Knight (Eds.), *Teacher education pedagogy and the importance of critical thinking and conceptualization*. Hershey, PA: IGI Global.

### Presentations of Note

Burks, L. (2020, April). Re-Imagining the Possibilities in Science Education: COVID-19 Response. Council of State Science Supervisors, Virtual Conference.

Burks, L. (2020, February). Elementary and Secondary Science High-Poverty Educators. Advisory Board for the Arkansas Academy for Educational Equity with the University of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR.

Burks, L. (2019, September). Equitable Science Education Formative Assessments. Association for Science Teacher Education Southwest Region Conference, Fayetteville, AR.

Harris, W. (2020, February). Shifting the Purpose of Writing Instruction, Little Rock, AR

Lewis, A. (2019, November). "Arkansas Academy for Educational Equity Overview," General Recruiting Presentation, Excel in Education Conference San Diego, CA.

Mayes, E. (2019, June). The Imperative of Educational Equity: Investing in Under-resourced Communities and Schools. Presentation at the 2019 Arkansas Department of Education Summit, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Mayes, E. (2019, September). A strengthened educator pipeline. Panel participant at the Forward Arkansas 2nd Annual Data and Policy Symposium, Little Rock, Arkansas (invited).

Mayes, E. (2019, August). Participant at Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation Teacher Preparation Advisory Meeting, Little Rock, Arkansas (invited).

Mayes, E., Yancy-Taylor, P., Pontoo, J. (2020, February). "Equity in Action: The Arkansas Academy for Educational Equity's Teacher Development Program," DMV HBCU Recruiting Presentation, Jackson, MS.

Mayes, E., Yancy-Taylor, P., Pontoo, J. (2020, February). "Equity in Action: The Arkansas Academy for Educational Equity's Teacher Development Program," Sothern Region HBCU Recruiting Presentation, Nashville, TN.

Mayes, E. (2020, March) Social justice and equity as educational imperatives. Guest Lecturer at Howard University School of Education, Washington, DC.

Mayes, E., Yancy-Taylor, P., Pontoo, J. (2020, February). "Equity in Action: The Arkansas Academy for Educational Equity's Teacher Development Program," Southern Region HBCU Recruiting Presentation, New Orleans, LA.

Mayes, E., Yancy-Taylor, P., Pontoo, J. (2020, February). "Equity in Action: The Arkansas Academy for Educational Equity's Teacher Development Program," Southern Region HBCU Recruiting Presentation, Houston, TX.

Mayes, E., Yancy-Taylor, P., Pontoo, J. (2020, March). "Equity in Action: The Arkansas Academy for Educational Equity's Teacher Development Program," Southern Region HBCU Recruiting Presentation, Atlanta, GA.

Mayes, E., Yancy-Taylor, P., Pontoo, J. (2020, March). "Equity in Action: The Arkansas Academy for Educational Equity's Teacher Development Program," DMV HBCU Recruiting Presentation, Washington, DC.

Mayes, E., Yancy-Taylor, P., Pontoo, J. (2020, March). "Equity in Action: The Arkansas Academy for Educational Equity's Teacher Development Program," DMV HBCU Recruiting Presentation, Baltimore, MD.

Patterson N. (2019, October). "Arkansas Academy for Educational Equity Overview," General Recruiting Presentation, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR.

Pontoo, J. (2019, October). "Arkansas Academy for Educational Equity Overview," General Recruiting Presentation, Become an Arkansas Teacher Day, Little Rock, AR.

Pontoo, J. (2019, October). "Arkansas Academy for Educational Equity Overview," General Recruiting Presentation, Arkansas Public School Resource Center, Hot Springs, AR.

Pontoo, J. (2019, October). "Arkansas Academy for Educational Equity Overview," General Recruiting Presentation, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS.

Pontoo, J. (2019, December). "Arkansas Academy for Educational Equity Overview," General Recruiting Presentation, Teach for America Delta Corps, Virtual.

Smith, T.E.C., Polloway, E.A., Doughty, T., (2020). Teaching students with special needs in inclusive settings, (8th edition). Austin, TX: Pro-Ed.

Yancy-Taylor, P. (2020, July). "AAEE Instructional Updates," Advisory Board Meeting Presentation, 2019, Fayetteville, AR.

Yancy-Taylor, P., Burks, L., Leland, K., Boone, C. (2019, August). "Equity in Action: The Arkansas Academy for Educational Equity's Teacher Development Program," School Leader Presentation, Little Rock, AR.

Yancy-Taylor, P., Leland, K. (2019, October). "Equity in Action: The Arkansas Academy for Educational Equity's Teacher Development Program," Recruiting Presentation, Little Rock, AR.

Yancy-Taylor, P. (2020, February). "Instructional Data that Matters," Advisory Board Meeting Presentation, 2019, Little Rock, AR

#### New Grants of Note

N/A

#### *Teaching*

The following courses were developed by EDEQ faculty and instructors with Global Campus Instructional Designers:

- **Initiated Spring 2019 (and Taught for first time in Summer 2019, Fall 2019 or Spring 2020)**
  - EDEQ 5003: Best Practices for Teaching in High-Needs Schools - Build – Chandra Boone - Deployed Summer 2019
  - EDEQ 5013: Classroom Management Mechanics and Content - Build - Whitney Harris - Deployed Summer 2019
  - EDEQ 5033: Teaching Specific Content in High-Needs Schools - Revised - Lizette Burks – Deployed Summer 2020
  - EDEQ 5043: Reflecting and Planning Content Delivery - Revised - Pamela Yancy-Taylor – Deployed Summer 2020
  - EDEQ 5053: Understanding and Exploring Community Context - Build - Eric Mayes – Deployed Spring 2020

#### *Service*

##### Program Wide

- **Professional Development conducted by academy staff**
- Social Justice in the Classroom, July 2019
- Comprehension Strategies, September, 2019
- Elementary Mini Lessons, November, 2019



- Effective Instructional Coaching Techniques, November 2019
- Engaging the Adult Learner, December, 2020
- A Showcase of Elementary Best Practices, February, 2020
- Running Professional Development, February, 2020
- Shifting from a Face to Face to Virtual Learning Environment; Maintaining A Healthy Mindset While Sheltering In Place, April, 2020
- Good Instruction through Implementing Math Tasks, September 2019
- Good Instruction through Enhanced Student Engagement, November 2019
- Designing the Right Opportunity for Student Learning, February 2020
- Vocabulary Instruction + Brain Science and Emotional Intelligence, September 2019
- Discipline Writing Instruction, November 2019
- Rigor = Equality + Equity, February 2020
- Backwards Planning Your Time, March 2020
- Inquiry in Science Education. Secondary Science Educators for the Arkansas Academy for Educational Equity with the University of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR.
- State Science Assessments in Science Education. Secondary Science Educators for the Arkansas Academy for Educational Equity with the University of Arkansas, Virtual Presentation.
- Equitable Science Education for High-Poverty School District. Secondary Science Educators for the Arkansas Academy for Educational Equity with the University of Arkansas, Marianna, AR.
- Science Education Online Teaching Resources: COVID-19 Response. Secondary Science Educators for the Arkansas Academy for Educational Equity with the University of Arkansas, Virtual Presentation.

#### Master's Advisement

Mayes, E., Yancy-Taylor, P., Leland, K., Burks, L.

#### Comprehensive Examine Committee

Michelle Joyner (Educational Equity), University of Arkansas, 2020.

Molly Kopplin (Educational Equity), University of Arkansas, 2020.

Brianna Sheeley (Educational Equity), University of Arkansas, 2020.

Jason Curlin (Educational Equity), University of Arkansas, 2020.

Joseph Bauldree (Educational Equity), University of Arkansas, 2020.

#### Doctoral Advisement

Mayes, E.

## Dissertation Committees

Member, Kaycee Brock, (Education), Fit for me: An Early College Access Workshop Series for Ninth Grade Black Latino Males, Johns Hopkins University, March 2019.

Member, Joshua Thomason (Education), Reversing Declining Enrollment Trends at Fincher Academy, October 2019

Member, Lara K. Ohanian (Education), The Perceived Knowledge and Misconceptions of ESOL Educators Supporting A Rapidly Growing English Language Learner Population, April 2020

## Achievements of students or alumni

- Program inaugural class will graduate May 2020
- Student was named a 2019-20 Milken Educator Award winner at Pine Bluff High School
- Student recently received a promotion as Teacher Leader and Middle School Math Teacher for the 2020- 21 school year with ScholarMade Academy.
- Student was accepted into the PhD program in Educational Policy at the University of Indiana in Bloomington.
- Student was asked to coach teachers part time for the upcoming school year at KIPP Delta College Prep.
- Student was elected Teacher of the Year at David O. Dodd Elementary, LRSD