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## LEADERS OF COLOR DC ANNOUNCES 2023 FELLOWS

24 selected to take part in year-long leadership development fellowship

**WASHINGTON, DC-** Leaders of Color, DC, <u>an organization focused</u> on identifying, training and elevating Black and Latino leaders in DC, announced the members of the 2023 fellowship cohort. Leaders of Color works to improve education outcomes for Black and brown children through this leadership development work.

The 24 fellows were named after a selective process that began last year. The 2023 fellows will participate in the year-long leadership development program.

The 2023 Leaders of Color, DC fellows include:

- Andre Aina
- Ashley Daisley
- Candace Ricks
- Cathleen McCargo
- Crystal Gray
- David Reed
- Emmanuel Bestman
- Gabriella Woo
- Geovanny Vicente-Romero
- Jose Perez Guerrero
- Ka'Nedria Boldin
- Kenneth Addo
- LaDan Johnson
- Letisha Vinson
- Minetre Martin
- Musa Kamara
- Natasha Dupee
- Terrance Brown
- Terrell Danley
- Victoria Harvey
- Victoria Akinseye
- Yinzu Nairouz
- Yolanda Corbett
- Yolanda Anderson

Mike Bland, Leaders of Color Vice President, welcomed the new fellows to the Leaders of Color family.

"We are thrilled to support yet another dynamic and inspiring group of local leaders this year in DC," Bland said. "Each fellow brings something powerful and unique to their communities and to leadership within them. Over the coming year, it is our goal to provide these community leaders with the skills, knowledge, and tools that they need to make a positive impact on their local public schools, their local communities, and well beyond."

A virtual kick-off was held on February 28. United States Senator Cory Booker of New Jersey greeted the Leaders of Color staff and fellows. The virtual kick-off focused on the importance of civil rights, education, and the need to support Black and Latino candidates, campaign operatives, and becoming change agents in their communities.

Leaders of Color currently has over 80 program alumni impacting both political and civic space. Some 75 percent are in community leadership positions and 20 percent are engaged politically, either running for political office themselves or serving on a campaign.

To learn more about Leaders of Color, to interview one of the fellows or speak with Mike Bland, please contact Dulari Ghandi at info.leadersofcolor@gmail.com.