



Kirkwood Educational Equity Speaker Series

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October 28, 2020 4-5:30 p.m. (open to KSD staff & community)

Addressing Equity in the STEM Pipeline: A panel discussion designed to share the current data concerning the underrepresentation of students of color in STEM careers, and begin a deep dive into the educational experiences we can create for our students to promote interest and participation in STEM programs throughout their academic career.

Panelists: Barbara Pener /Retired 8th Grade Science/Project Coordinator STEMPact, Curtis O'Dwyer 7th Grade Science Teacher Nipher Middle School/STEAM Master remixing Science Education, Dajae Williams: NASA Engineer 2014 Kirkwood HS Grad, Cynthia Chapple Founder of Black Girls Do STEM/Senior Research Chemist

November 11, 2020 6-7:30 p.m. (open to all KSD staff & community)

"Eugenics: An Ideology of Hate and an Education of Fear" This lecture is a conversation about the emergence of the Eugenics movement in America in the early 20th century and its impact on American society and public education. Dr. Vernon C. Mitchell, Jr., PhD Lecturer in American Culture Studies Curator of Popular American Arts, Olin Library, Washington University

January 19, 6-7:30 p.m. (open to KSD staff & community)

BIPOC: What does it mean? Panel discussion with people that identify as Black, Indigneous and People of Color (BIPOC) and how BIPOC leaders are seeking to leverage their own identities as well as resources, tools and networks to advance anti-racist change. Panelists will also discuss the radicalized dynamics that happen that originate in childhood that last through adulthood. Insights on how to build a relationship between BIPOC students and their teachers will also be discussed to help the student, parent and teacher forge a strong relationship.

Panelists: Dr. Darryl Diggs /Principal of Hardin School-St. Charles City School District, Dr. Grace Lee/Principal Brittany Woods Middle School, Kashina Bell/Asst. Superintendent/University City School District, Gilberto Pinela/Communications Manager Cortex Innovation Community, Jacqueline Bauer /KECC Educator, Leo JALIPA, Brittany Woods Middle School, Mitali Sarkar/Kirkwood Early Childhood Educator

February 12, 2020 8:30-10 a.m. (Kirkwood School District Staff only) recorded and posted later to the public

The Criminalization of Black Girls: An issue that is not getting enough attention in our schools is the "state of Black girls". Renowned scholar, Monique W. Morris, Ed.D. featured a documentary, PUSHOUT: THE CRIMINALIZATION OF BLACK GIRLS IN SCHOOLS which takes "a close look at the educational, judicial and societal disparities facing Black Girls." In Morris groundbreaking book of the same name in her documentary, "she confronts the ways in which the misunderstanding of Black girlhood has led to excessive punitive discipline, that show Black girls are 6x more likely to be suspended than white girls as well as Black girls are less likely to receive adequate mental health care compared to white girls. Black girls continue to face challenges and educators need to understand those challenges. Panelist:TBD

April 22, 2020 6-7:30 p.m. (open to KSD & Community)

"The history of Black Education and contemporary lessons for Equity" A discussion of the History of Black education including historical models of interpersonal care and leadership with a discussion about how to incorporate lessons into our current efforts toward establishing greater equity for all students. Dr. Amber Jones: Asst. Professor, Educational Studies, Harris Stowe State University