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MPA welcomes National Advisory Council

Spearheaded by Launch Campaign Chair Clark Kellogg, MPA expands its strategic vision with global industry pioneers.

Columbus, Ohio - The Masters Preparatory Academy continues to build momentum toward its opening under the leadership of Founder Dr. Robert Murphy, and Launch Campaign Chair, Clark Kellogg. Today the school announced the formation of its National Advisory Council, a cadre of global and national leaders in education and workforce that will inform the school on all aspects of student success both in school, and beyond.

Launch Chair Clark Kellogg explains, “The inclusion of these leaders in education in the formation of this council will propel our young men into academic excellence and life changing career opportunities. Their combined demonstrated success is imperative to addressing the challenges with educating young black men, and we are honored that each of them have lent their expertise and that of their network to our cause.”

The New Advisory Council members include:

Ron Walker
Walker was the Founder of COSEBOC (Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color). The mission of COSEBOC, founded in 2007, is to connect, inspire, support and strengthen school leaders dedicated to the social, emotional and academic development of boys and young men of color. https://coseboc.org

Doris Korda
Korda is the CEO of Korda Institute for Teaching and works globally with schools from Cleveland to Kazakhstan to transform educational practices. Her methods have empowered thousands of educators and students in urban and rural schools and districts by incorporating agile development and an innovation adoption model that equips school leaders to make healthy systemic shifts for their teachers and students. https://kordainstitute.org

Harrison Peters
Peters is the CEO/Co-founder of Men of Color in Educational Leadership (MCEL) and former State Turnaround Superintendent of Providence Public Schools. He has served in many leadership roles, including Dean of Students, Assistant Principal, Principal, Assistant Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, Chief of Schools, and Superintendent. https://mcelleaders.org

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Gill was the Vice President for diversity, equity, and inclusion at the University of Louisville (UofL). Prior to joining UofL, he served as Clemson University's Chief Diversity Officer and Special Assistant to the President. https://insightintoacademia.com/insight-editorial-board/gill/?shem=aimgspc,

Christopher P. Chatmon
Chatmon, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Kingmakers of Oakland, partners with schools, districts, and community organizations to build the systems, structures, cultures, and conditions that strengthen belonging, self-efficacy, cultural identity, and collective responsibility. He also operates the KOO Labs Design Center and Production House to cultivate youth creativity and entrepreneurship through music, film, animation, and fashion design. https://www.kingmakersofoakland.org

David C. Banks, JD
Banks is the President of The Eagle Academy Foundation and was the Founding Principal of The Eagle Academy for Young Men, the first in a network of innovative all-boys public schools in New York City. The Eagle Academy for Young Men, the first all-boys public high school in NYC in over 30 years, is a nurturing institution which believes that excellence, both in character and scholarship, opens doors and provides a bridge to equality. https://eafny.org

Judy Touzin, Ed.D, Ph.D
Touzin has worked as a strategic consultant with Harvard University's Leadership Initiative for Faith and Education (L.I.F.E.), and with the Obama Foundation's My Brother's Keeper Alliance (MBKA).
She holds a Ph.D. in Urban Education from CUNY Graduate Center and a doctorate in Educational Leadership from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. In her experience as a teacher, principal, and leadership coach, she has consistently sought to help create affirming environments for Black boys and young men.
https://www.theexceptionalproject.net

Howard University Visiting Professor and MPA Board Vice Chair Dr. Talisa L. Dixon said, "I am particularly excited to work alongside a distinguished group of educators, business and community leaders who bring diverse expertise and networks to this mission. Together, we have an opportunity to build an institution that sees the strengths and potential of every young man and intentionally prepares him to lead, contribute, and thrive."

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