



THE EDUCATION EQUALIZER FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025





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Dear Education Equalizer,

We are delighted to share the achievements of The Education Equalizer Foundation over the 24-25 fiscal year. Our mission to empower underserved middle and high school students on their path to higher education has seen remarkable progress.

Key Accomplishments:

- **\$2.4 Million in Scholarships:** Our students secured over \$2.4 million in scholarships, reflecting the success of our support programs.
- **100% College Acceptance and FAFSA Completion:** All senior students who applied were accepted to college and completed the FAFSA.
- **College Visits:** Our students attended a college tour hosted by the National College Attainment Network, which provided them with the opportunity to learn about over 50 national colleges. We also organized tours to Florida A&M University, the University of Florida, and Santa Fe College.
- **ACT/SAT Test Prep Success:** Our monthly test prep sessions improved test-taking skills for 78 students, enhancing their college admission prospects and increasing their scholarship opportunities.
- **Common Black College Application:** Our partnership with the CBCA enabled us to help students apply to HBCUs nationwide using a single application, saving them thousands of dollars in application fees.

These achievements are a testament to the hard work of our scholars, the support of our community, and the dedication of our team. Thank you for being a vital part of our journey and helping shape a brighter future for all students.

In service,
Drs. Kerwin and Carjie Scott, Co-Founders
The Education Equalizer Foundation



VISION

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A future where any student who wants to go to college is not only able to go to college but is also equipped with the tools to graduate with a successful career and give back to their community.

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Our Priorities

- Remain committed to keeping the needs of students first in all that we do.
- Transform the lives of our scholars and their families.
- Inspire our scholars and embolden their self-determination and self-advocacy skills.
- Provide our scholars with the resources and networks they need to thrive and bring others along.

WHY OUR WORK IS CRUCIAL

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Students from underserved backgrounds often face significant barriers to higher education—including limited financial resources, inadequate academic preparation, and insufficient college guidance.

- **FAFSA Completion Crisis in Florida:** **Florida ranks 48th out of 51 (including D.C.) in FAFSA completion. In 2024, only 44.1% of Florida seniors submitted the FAFSA—a drop of over 11 percentage points from the previous year (ed.gov).** We hosted FAFSA workshops across Central Florida, resulting in increased FAFSA submissions among students we directly served, which unlocked financial aid and reduced the access gap.
- **Academic Performance & Test Prep Support:** **Florida's average SAT score of 948 ranks tied for 47th nationally, with an 18-point decline in 2024 alone (horizoneducation.com).** In contrast, EEF scholars in our ACT/SAT prep programs achieved average gains of +3.5 points (ACT) and +100 points (SAT)—expanding their access to competitive colleges and scholarships.
- **Federal Student Aid Advocacy:** **With in-state tuition in Florida averaging \$6,370 annually, and significantly higher costs for private or out-of-state institutions, affordability is a significant barrier (College Board, 2024).** EEF is a member of the National College Attainment Network and traveled to Washington, D.C., to advocate for a stronger, more equitable federal student aid system that benefits students from all backgrounds.

These numbers underscore the urgent need for intervention. EEF programs are designed to bridge these gaps, equipping students with the tools, knowledge, and confidence they need to thrive in higher education. By addressing structural inequities and empowering students directly, we are making college accessible, affordable, and achievable for all.

“At EEF, we guide students through every step of the college journey—from exploration and application to acceptance and navigating financial aid. Our scholars don’t just get into one college—they often receive five or more acceptances, many with full or partial scholarships. In 2025, EEF students collectively earned over \$2.4 million in scholarship offers, proving that strategic support leads to real opportunity.” Dr. Carjie Scott, Co-Founder & President





Ariell Vanterpool

“One thing that inspired me during this journey was my mom. Ariell

Ayrin King secured about \$110,760 in scholarships, and was accepted into 30 universities. Her goal is to study Kinesiology and sports medicine and open her own rehabilitation center.



Ariell Vanterpool was accepted to over twenty colleges, including Clark Atlanta University, Emory University, and Louisiana State University. Her goal is to become an ultrasound technician and an entrepreneur.



“One quote that inspired me during this journey was: “The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials” This quote reminds me and inspires me to give my best and know that I can do anything that I put my mind to. Ayrin



PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

College Success

EEF provides guidance to students and their families, helping them navigate the college application process with confidence. We are a one-stop shop offering everything you need to apply to college.

At EEF, we teach you to fish for scholarships so you “eat” for a lifetime rather than giving you a fish to “eat” for a day. Our goal is to alleviate the financial burden of higher education and make it more accessible.

Scholarship Support

Mentorship & Empowerment

At our core, EEF is an empowerment organization. Through mentorship programs with monthly check-ins, we expect students to excel academically and become community change-makers.

EEF engages with schools, communities, and organizations to promote higher education and advocate for equitable access to educational opportunities. We believe that change happens when we work together. If we haven't worked with you yet, please contact us today!

Community Engagement





Congratulations!

Bethany Anderson



“ One thing that inspired me during this journey was my parents' support. They went out of their way to help me during the very challenging period we call college applications. Bethany ”

Caden Griggs was accepted by North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and Howard University.

Bethany Anderson's high test scores, grades, and community service earned her over \$1,359,000 in scholarships, including the Dean's Scholarship from Rollins College, the Beautillion-Cotillion Scholarship, and 100% full tuition Bright Futures scholarship. She was accepted into 14 universities, including the University of Florida, Tufts University, Florida State University, and the University of Central Florida.



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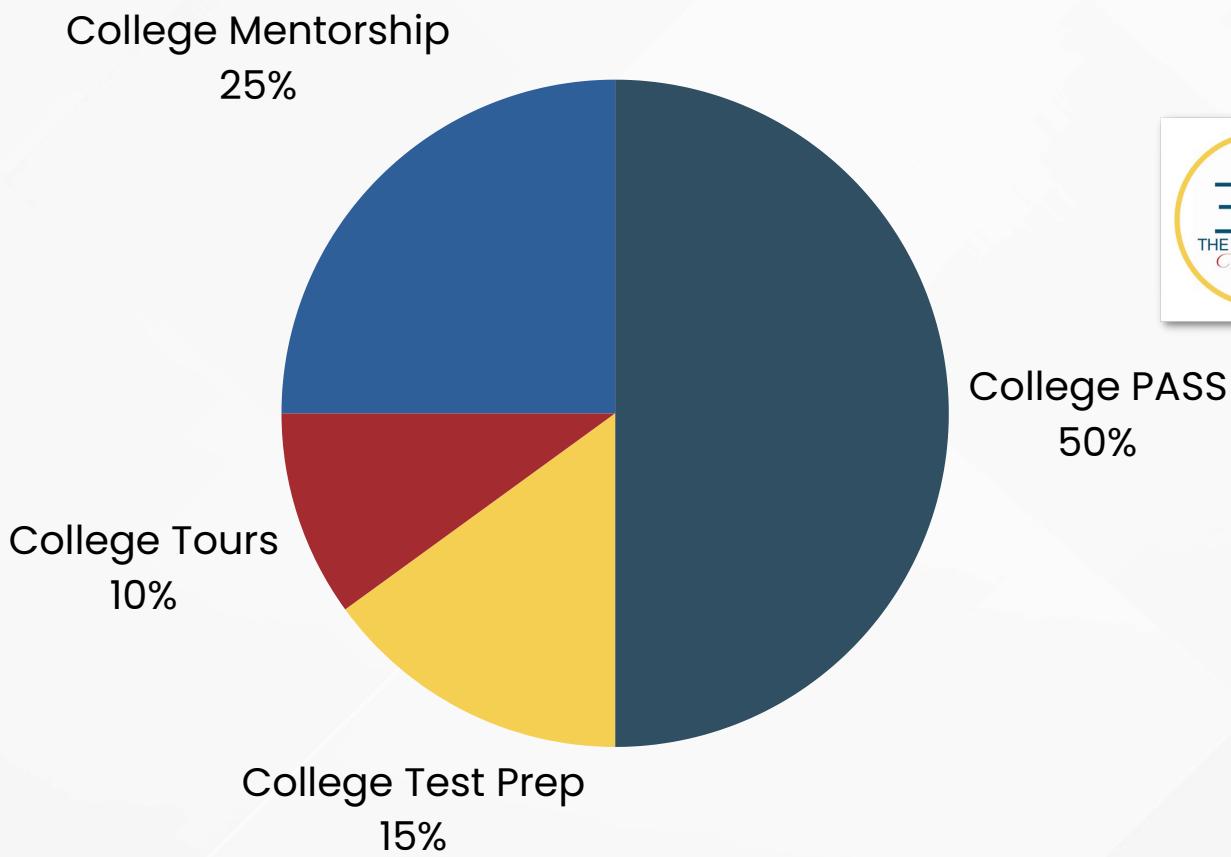


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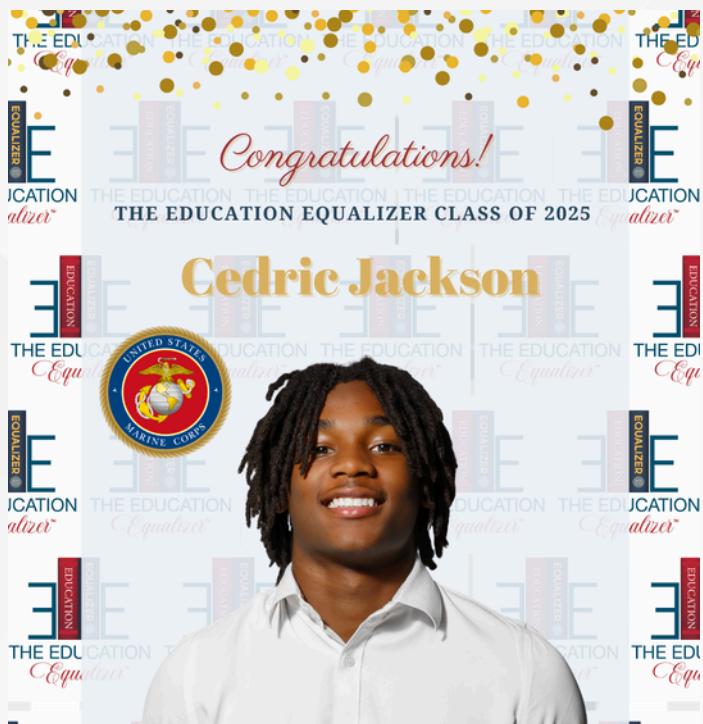
Together, we raised **\$34,320** during the 2024-25 fiscal year and provided college preparation services to over 150 middle and high school students.

Where do we spend our money?



100%

Your donations funded college PASS, college tours, ACT/SAT prep, college application, i.e., FAFSA, scholarship, etc. mentorship programs, and events!



Cedric Jackson made history by choosing to begin his career serving in the United States Marine Corps.



Dazzlyn received around \$140,000 in scholarships, including a \$18,000 renewable scholarship from Barry University. She was accepted into over 25 universities, and plans to become a pediatric doctor.

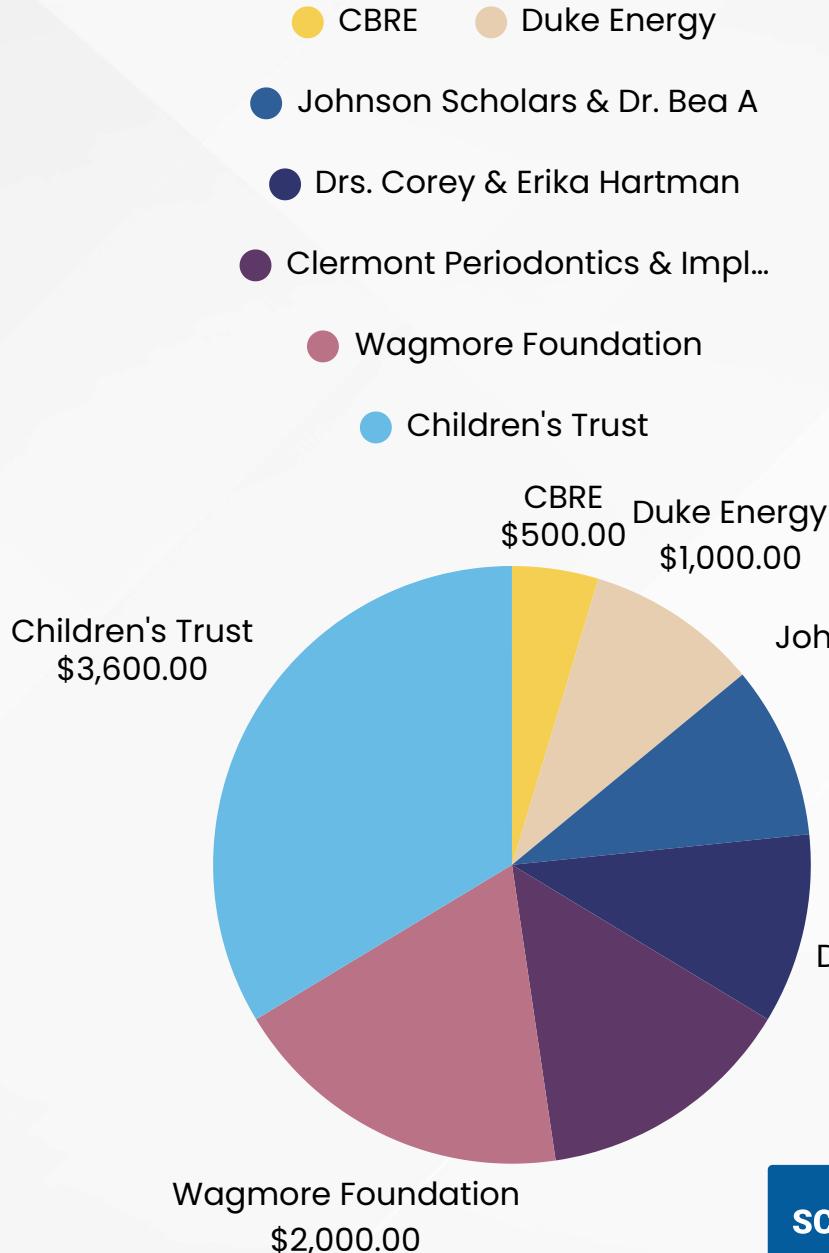
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One thing that inspired me during this journey was seeing and understanding the path that our own mentors went on, and looking up to them and their ways and actions . Dazzlyn



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THANK YOU CORPORATE SPONSORS AND DONORS!



Donor	Amount
CBRE	\$500.00
Duke Energy	\$1,000.00
Johnson Scholars	\$1,000.00
Drs. Corey & Erika	\$1,100.00
Clermont Periodontics	\$1,500.00
Wagmore Foundation	\$2,000.00
Children's Trust	\$3,600.00



Drs. Corey & Erika Hartman
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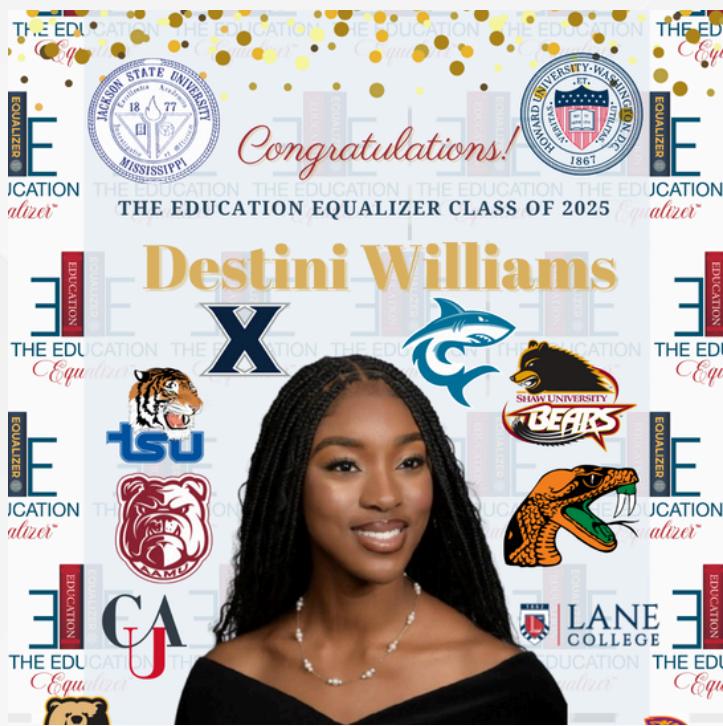
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\$9,320

Additionally, the Amazing Give Campaign, with the support of our community, including students, parents, and Board members, raised \$9,320.



Destini Williams' exceptional grades and test scores qualifies her for a **100% full tuition Bright Futures scholarship**. She earned around **\$208,000** worth of scholarships in total. Her goal is to become a lawyer or civil litigation attorney specializing in family law.

“ One thing that inspired me during this journey was my parents and those in my circle always supporting me. Destini ”

“ One thing that inspired me during this journey was my mom's encouragement. Garrison ”

Garrison Green received around **\$168,000** in scholarships and was accepted into universities like University of Missouri, Georgia State University, and University of Oklahoma.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MILLION DOLLAR SCHOLARS!

This year, our scholars earned an incredible \$2.4 million in scholarships—a true testament to their hard work and determination.

We're proud to recognize our EEF award winners:

- **Leve Rentz – Highest Test Score Increase – \$100 Award**
- **Ayrin King – Most College Acceptances – \$200 Award**
- **Bethany Anderson – Most Scholarship Dollars Earned – \$500 Award**

We also made history as Cedric Jackson committed to serving our country by joining the U.S. Marine Corps.

\$2.4 MILLION+

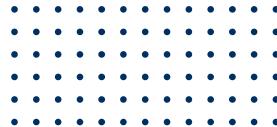
Our EEF scholars collectively earned over \$2.4 million in scholarships; however, most were partial per college. This is a new trend in college admissions.



100%

of our students complete the FAFSA. We educate students and their families about financial aid and available scholarships.

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Ginai Slater was accepted into over **20** universities, including Florida State University, University of Alabama, The University of Memphis, Tuskegee University, and Spelman College.

“ One thing that inspired me during this journey was my parents. Seeing their faces light up when I got accepted into schools or accomplished anything is truly special to me. Ginai ”

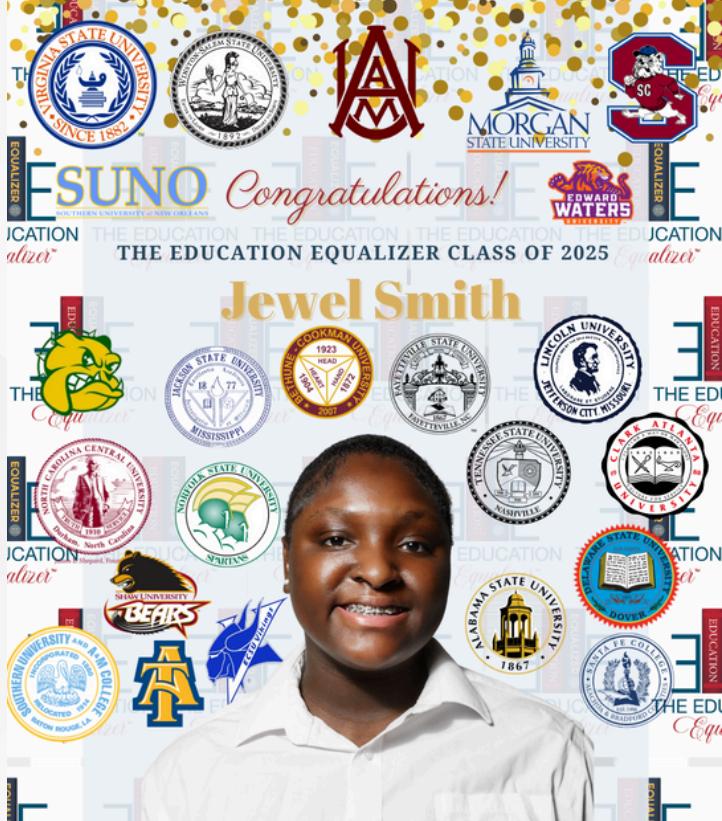
“ One thing that inspired me during this journey was doctor Carjie Scott. She has complete faith in me and inspires me to have total faith in myself as well. leve ”

leve Rentz's high grades and test scores qualifies her for a **100% full tuition Bright Futures scholarship**. She received **\$140,178** in scholarships, including a full ride at Alabama A&M.



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Jewel Smith was accepted into over 20 universities, including Morgan State University, North Carolina A&T University, Alabama State University, Virginia State University, Southern A&M University, and Santa Fe College.

Kourtney Hutchinson was accepted into colleges like North Carolina Central, Claflin University, Stillman College, and Fisk University. Her goal is to become a nurse.

“ One thing that inspired me during this journey was my mom Karla Hutchinson and my dad, Kinnzon Hutchinson pushed me to make the best decision and support me . ”



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Congratulations!

THE EDUCATION EQUALIZER CLASS OF 2025 Equalizer

Micah Reed



Micah Reed earned \$53,700 in scholarships, including the Bright Futures Medallion Scholarship. His goal is pursue psychology in the future.

“ One thing that inspired me during this journey was my faith in God. Micah ”

“ One thing that inspired me during this journey has been my mom. She inspired me through this journey because she always sets an example for me to work hard and put an effort in everything that I do. Myla ”

Myla Chilongo secured \$173,358 in scholarships from schools such as SCAD, Rust College, and Lincoln University. Her goal is to become a film director.



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Tammie Lynn earned around \$24,130 in scholarships from schools such as Rust College, Stetson University, and University of North Florida. Her goal is to become a radiographer and an ultrasound tech.

“ One thing that has inspired me is all the loving healthcare workers that I've experienced in my life who helped me with my anxiety when it came to having to experience a new procedure. Tammie ”

Trinity Jackson secured \$19,000 in scholarships. Her goal is to become a nurse practitioner.



“ One thing that inspired me during this journey is knowing that hope does exist. Trinity ”



PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIONS

EEF has forged significant partnerships and collaborations to enhance educational opportunities for our students.

Here are just a few:



University of Florida

ALP Internship opportunity



Florida A&M University Alachua County Alumni Association

Partnered to facilitate college visits and provide guidance to prospective students.

GET EDUCATED!



Common Black College Application

Students can apply to over 65 HBCUs and receive application assistance



Project YouthBuild

Project YouthBuild provides an opportunity for young people to earn their high school diploma, launch a career, and become a leader.



Collaboration with Santa Fe Achieve to encourage more students to choose Santa Fe College for their postsecondary education



University of Florida Bridges

The Bridges Multicultural Outreach Program prepares the next generation of racial minority scholars to be competitive applicants in UF's application process.



Children's Trust of Alachua County

The Children's Trust provides services so that children are healthy, educated, supported, and safe.



**Would you like to collaborate?
email:
hello@educationequalizers.com**

EEF HAS EXPANDED TO LAKE COUNTY

We're proud to announce that The Education Equalizer Foundation has officially expanded its reach to Lake County.

As part of this exciting growth, current undergraduate students from the University of Central Florida, the University of Florida, and Valencia College—future doctors in training—are now externing at Clermont Periodontics and Implant Center. This hands-on experience is helping shape the next generation of healthcare leaders right here in our community!



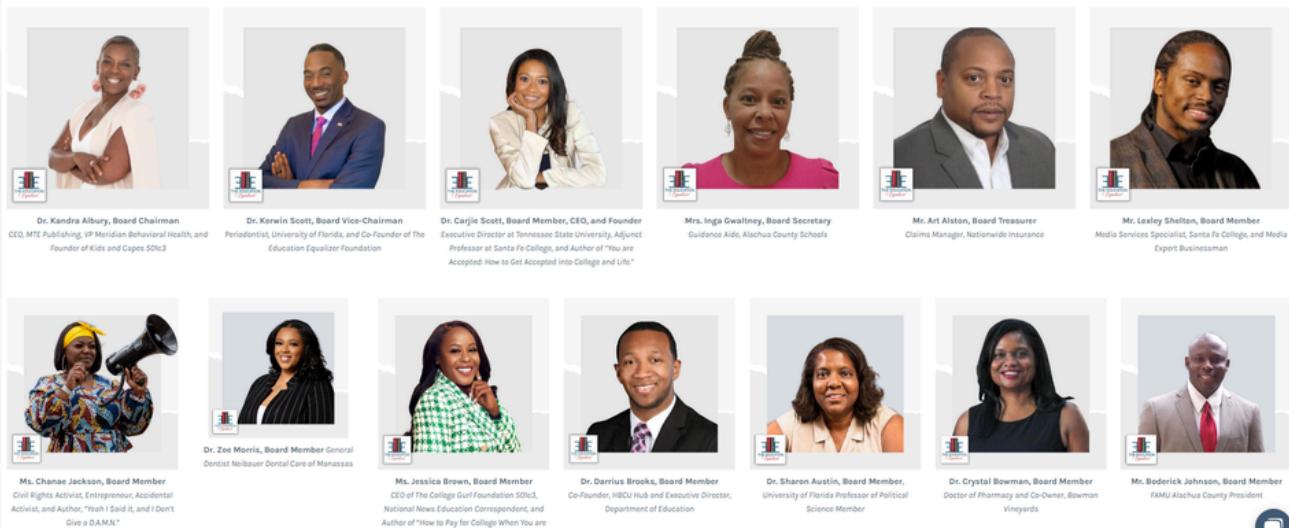
The collage consists of five photographs. Top left: Two healthcare professionals in white coats and scrubs making peace signs in front of a 'PERIODONTICS & IMPLANT CENTER' sign. Top right: A group of people in a lecture hall, with several individuals in blue shirts in the foreground. Bottom left: A large group of healthcare students in black scrubs posing together. Bottom right: Three healthcare professionals in scrubs standing in front of a 'PERIODONTICS & IMPLANT CENTER' sign. Bottom center: A logo for 'THE EDUCATION EQUALIZER' with the tagline 'INSPIRE. EDUCATE. EQUALIZE.'

Are you willing to host future Doctors at your clinic or surgical center? email: hello@educationequalizers.com

THE EDUCATION EQUALIZER

THANK YOU, 24-25 EEF TEAM!

Thank you to our amazing board members!



Thank you to our tireless volunteer staff!

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**VOLUNTEERS
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Thank you to our interns!

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