Dear MSU School of Social Work Colleagues:

It is with great pleasure that we announce the start of the Urban Women on the Rise Leadership Program for the 2018-19 academic year. The purpose of the Urban Women on the Rise Leadership Program (UWRL) is to build the professional and leadership capacity of a cohort of eight urban African American women, during their first year of the MSW Program at the Morgan State University School of Social Work. This communication serves an announcement regarding the overall purpose of the program, as well as, to ask for your support.

Funded by Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic States Foundation, the UWRL program includes developing knowledge and skills in urban community development, advocacy, cultural competence, and urban community engagement. UWRL provides a modest stipend, membership in two national professional organizations – the Council on Social Work Education, and the National Association of Black Social Workers along with attendance at both the CSWE (November 7-11, 2018) and NABSW (April 23-27, 2019) national conferences.

UWRL hosts monthly seminars and other learning opportunities that will provide mentoring and coaching, personal and professional development, and ultimately produce well-rounded African American female leaders, prepared to positively transform their communities. These seminars and activities to take place primarily at times that do not conflict with class and field education placements. UWRL Fellows complete the program with expanded networks and connections with women leaders, and membership in professional and community organizations under the guidance from Dr. Denise Davison, Dr. Dana Wilson. The UWRL program activities provide a rich learning experience that is relevant to their development as social work professionals, and

We are very excited about this program, and about the intelligent, motivated and energetic women who comprise our 2018-19 cohort! We look forward to their participation, and your support in UWRL as an enhancement along with their field education experience and in coordination with their academic advisors, toward preparing them as competent professionals and leaders.

The 2018-19 Urban Women on the Rise Leadership Fellows are listed below:

Shada Allen
Nia Caldwell
Chantelle Crawford
De'ja Geter-Jackson
The following list includes the dates that we have so far for UWRL Fellowship activities:

- **UWRL Kick-off Meeting**  
  *Thursday, October 4, 2018, 4:00 pm.*

- **Kaiser Permanente Foundation, Inc. Women on the Move Event**  
  *Thursday, October 11, 2018, 6:00 pm.*

- **UWRL Opening Ceremony**  
  *Sunday, October 14, 2018, 3:00 pm.*

- **Council on Social Work Education National Conference,**  
  *Orlando, FL*  
  *November 7–11, 2018*


- **National Association of Black Social Workers National Conference,**  
  *Atlanta, GA*  
  *April 23-27, 2019*

Again, we thank you for your support, and partnership as we proceed on this journey.

Sincerely,

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