Background

State Career Technical Education (CTE) systems face the dual challenge of a growing shortage of postsecondary leaders and significant representational diversity gaps, particularly racial diversity. Postsecondary CTE leadership must reflect the 3.5 million learners it serves.

Fellowship Purpose and Structure

The Postsecondary State CTE Leaders Fellowship at Advance CTE — Sponsored by ECMC Foundation strives to close racial representation gaps and remove equity barriers to career advancement for aspiring leaders historically underrepresented in state CTE leadership.

Fellows will gain strategic, equity-minded leadership skills and build networks address systemic inequities and advance high-quality, equitable state postsecondary CTE systems through:

- Interactive, in-depth virtual workshop with a curriculum rooted in quality, equity and collaboration
- Individualized coaching
- Organizational convenings and presentations
- Intentional spaces to build relationships with Fellows, national CTE leaders and the ECMCF CTE Leadership Collaborative
- Program stipend
- Completion of real-world fellowship project in their community
2022-2023 Fellowship Cohort

The second 15-member Fellowship cohort hails from 13 states, includes 12 professionals of color, and represents multiple dimensions of equity historically underrepresented in CTE, including race and ethnicity, geography, sexual orientation and gender identity. Click here for information about previous Fellowship cohorts.

Dr. Tempestt Adams, North Carolina  Davil Jackson, California
Dr. Kisha Aites, Georgia  Dr. Angela Lawhorne, Virginia
Shelsi Barber-Carter, Louisiana  Nancy Ligus, Pennsylvania
Kayla Brossett, Louisiana  Leisa Mathews, Wyoming
Jomarie Coloriano, Wisconsin  Caleb Perriton, Wyoming
Yolanda Flores, Florida  Dr. LuvTesha Robertson, Kentucky
Dominique Footes, Maryland  Daniel Sandoval, Colorado
Dr. Crystal D. Gardner, Texas

Lead Organizations

About Advance CTE
Advance CTE is the longest-standing national non-profit that represents State Directors and state leaders responsible for secondary, postsecondary and adult Career Technical Education (CTE) across all 50 states and U.S. territories.

About ECMC Foundation
ECMC Foundation is a Los Angeles-based, nationally focused foundation whose mission is to improve higher education for career success among underserved populations through evidence-based innovation. It is one of several affiliates under the ECMC Group enterprise based in Minneapolis.

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