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Congratulations, Tessie Williams!

UCEA is pleased to recognize you as a **2017-2019 UCEA Jackson Scholar!**

The Jackson Scholars Network is an exceptional opportunity for graduate students of color to take advantage of formal networking, mentoring, and professional development opportunities to enhance their pathway as professors of educational leadership. The program's namesake, Dr. Barbara L. Jackson (1928-2012), was an exemplar as a leader, builder, scholar, and mentor in the field of educational administration for over 50 years. As a trailblazer, she opened up avenues of study and practice that still extraordinarily impact people, institutions, scholarly and applied research, diversity, and urban education. Her work has helped to transform the field of educational administration.

A key feature of the Jackson Scholars Network involves mentoring by a UCEA professor. **Be sure to send an email to your Jackson Scholars Network Mentor within a week to introduce yourself and your research interests. Your Jackson Scholars Network Mentor expects to hear from you soon.**

Your Jackson Scholars Network Mentor is: Dr. Juan Nino of The University of Texas at San Antonio
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As a UCEA Jackson Scholar, you will be expected to participate in several activities that will add value to your doctoral experience. These activities will be sent in a separate email. Your full participation and engagement will maximize the value of the Jackson Scholars Network and your affiliation as a UCEA Jackson Scholar. By nominating you as a Jackson Scholar, your institution has agreed to provide some support for your conference travel. Please follow up with the faculty member who nominated you to get more information regarding funding. First on your list will be registering for the 2017 UCEA Convention that will take place in Denver, CO on November 15-19, 2017. We ask that you also register for the UCEA Graduate Student Summit and encourage you to register for the Jackson Scholars Network Moment of Mindfulness session. Important events to plan for are noted below. Arrive in Denver in time to fully benefit from all that the Graduate Student Summit and the UCEA Convention will offer to enhance your scholarly and professional development.

Wednesday, November 15

Graduate Student Summit Orientation and presentations are currently scheduled to begin at 12:00 PM

Thursday, November 16 - Please note that JSN events are currently scheduled to begin at 8:00 AM

Jackson Scholars Network Convocation (8:00 AM)

Jackson Scholars Network 2nd Year Research Presentations (9:00, 10:00, and 11:00 AM)

Jackson Scholars Network 1st Year Orientation (4:00 - 4:50 PM)

Friday, November 17

Jackson Scholars Network Moment of Mindfulness (6:15 – 7:15 AM)

Jackson Scholars Network Recognition Ceremony and Reception (7:00 - 8:20 PM)

Saturday, November 18

UCEA Banquet on Saturday evening (7:00 – 10:00 PM)

Convention registration is open. Take advantage of early bird registration, which ends on September 3. If you have questions regarding program events, please feel free to contact Angel Nash (amn5f@virginia.edu), Graduate Assistant and Jackson Scholars Network contact at UCEA headquarters, or our Jackson Scholars Network Co-Directors, Lisa Bass (lrbass@ncsu.edu) and Hollie Mackey (hmackey@ou.edu).

Best wishes for a rewarding and engaging experience as a Jackson Scholar. Again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

Michelle D. Young, Ph.D.
UCEA Executive Director