

Omar S. Muhammad

Omar S. Muhammad is Director of the **Entrepreneurial Development and Assistance Center (EDAC)** located at the Earl G. Graves School of Business & Management on the campus of Morgan State University. He is responsible for developing, fundraising, and managing innovative entrepreneurial initiatives. This is accomplished through his continuous interaction with the Morgan State University community and surrounding organizations primarily located in Maryland, Washington D.C. and Virginia. Omar has played a role in assisting technology companies across the nation with strategic planning in bringing technology to market, identify funding sources and certification. He serves as a resource to the entrepreneurial community and has been requested to make presentations on youth entrepreneurship, nonprofit management, loan fund development & implementation, technology and innovation initiatives, starting a business, and other topics to help entrepreneurs at all ages & levels improve & progress.

Prior to becoming the Director of **EDAC**, Omar was an instructor and counselor for **Women Entrepreneurs of Baltimore, Inc.** (WEB). As an instructor, he was responsible for assisting over 150 students in developing business plans and providing additional resources for starting, operating, and growing small businesses. Prior to WEB, Omar served as Vice President and Director of the Community Lending Group, an affiliate of the Development Credit Fund, Inc. He carefully managed \$4.0 million in an Empowerment Zone revolving loan fund for the federally funded Empower Baltimore Management Corporation. This experience gave him the opportunity to review business plans and loan packages to determine the feasibility for financing a particular business. Many of the companies that Omar assisted were considered micro enterprises.

Omar serves on Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development Neighborhood Business Works Program loan committee, a member of Black Professional Men, Inc. , a member of the Business Network International and Network Referral Group and an alumnus of the Greater Baltimore Committee Leadership Program (2006). Omar was selected by the Baltimore Business Journal as one of 40 emerging business leaders under the age of 40. Omar received the United States Small Business Administration's Minority Business Champion of the Year Award in 2006 and Small Business Journalist Award in 2008. Omar was honored by The Rotary International (Woodlawn Chapter) with the Service Above Self Award 2007.

With all of his accomplishments and unremitting service to others. Omar is a active member of the entrepreneurship community where he lends his talents to help stimulate entrepreneurship while creating opportunities of wealth for all involved. He is a partner

in a holding company that collaborates with entrepreneurs in various industries. He currently serves as an advisor to several entrepreneurs with a technology and innovation emphasis. Omar also hosts a weekly radio workshop (BriefCase Radio heard every Sunday at 9 p.m. on WEAA 88.9 f.m. or podcast at www.edacmorgan.com).

Omar received his degree in Accounting from Morgan State University. He currently resides in Baltimore County with his family.