

Connecting you to resources to

Manage & Grow Your **Business**



Networking **Events**



Education and Skill Development



Strategic Business Planning



Access to Capital



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a year's overview

DRIVING GROWTH WITH INTERNS & NEW OPPORTUNITIES

As we approach the end of another transformative year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the remarkable progress and achievements we have collectively attained at the Entrepreneurial Development and Assistance Center (EDAC) at Morgan State University.

One of the highlights of this year has been our dedicated team of interns, whose passion and drive have played a pivotal role in assisting entrepreneurs as they navigate the intricate pathways of both the Morgan and local entrepreneurial ecosystems. These interns have brought fresh perspectives, enthusiasm, and innovative ideas, proving invaluable in our pursuit of fostering entrepreneurial excellence with student and community entrepreneurs.

Our commitment to supporting the local entrepreneurial ecosystem remains unwavering. By facilitating collaboration between our students, alumni, and community entrepreneurs, we have created a dynamic network where knowledge-sharing and resource-sharing are at the heart of every interaction. We have empowered alumni to not only thrive in their entrepreneurial journeys but also to give back by mentoring, investing in, and supporting fellow alumni and students in starting, operating, and scaling their businesses. This interconnected web of entrepreneurial support is a testament to the strength of our community.

With funds from Title III, we initiated the third quarter project where we took on an ambitious initiative to provide support to 50 businesses, and I am thrilled to announce that we not only met but exceeded this goal. These businesses represent a diverse array of industries and backgrounds, and their growth is a testament to the dedication and collaboration within our community. Our commitment to inclusivity is reflected in our ongoing work with formerly incarcerated individuals, who, through our programs and mentorship, have been given the tools and opportunities to reintegrate into society as successful entrepreneurs. We also continued our support for women entrepreneurs, recognizing the immense potential that they bring to our entrepreneurial ecosystem. Our team also supported women veteran entrepreneurs by preparing them to be contract-ready and viable for local, state, and federal contract opportunities. Their resilience and innovative spirit are truly inspirational. Be sure to take a look at the conferences for both returning citizens and women veteran entrepreneurs.

I am delighted to announce the creation of the Collegiate Association of Startup Entrepreneurs (CASE), a student organization that will undoubtedly become a cornerstone of our educational and entrepreneurial landscape. It is our firm belief that empowering our students to become future leaders in the entrepreneurial world is an investment in the future of our community.

As we reflect on the past year, we are excited to embrace the possibilities that the coming year holds. The EDAC community is stronger, more vibrant, and more determined than ever to foster entrepreneurship, create opportunities, and drive positive change in the Morgan and local entrepreneurial ecosystem.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to each and every one of you who has contributed to our mission. Together, we have achieved great things, and I look forward to the continued success and growth that the future will undoubtedly bring.

Improve & Progress!

ABOUT



The Entrepreneurial Development & Assistance Center (EDAC) has played a major role in introducing entrepreneurship across campus and within the community for over 19 years. EDAC was established to offer entrepreneurship education to the Morgan community while providing resources to help individuals within the community start, operate, and scale a business. Serving about 1,000 individuals each year with workshops, one-on-one business counseling, specialty training, live events, and media exposure through its varied podcasts. The mission of the Entrepreneurial Development and Assistance Center (EDAC) is to connect budding and existing entrepreneurs to resources for venture management and growth. EDAC is a unit of the Division of Academic Affairs.



Filling the academic pipeline



Collaboration with other schools on campus

Strategic Priorities



Raising funds for initiatives



Evaluating EDAC's impact



Impactful initiatives for community economic development



Develop public, private, academic relationships

IN SUPPORT OF...

The above strategic priorities are in line with the objectives of Title III, the University, and Division of Academic Affairs.

Title III

Division of Academic Affairs

Creation of an entrepreneurship across campus committee to support university wide entrepreneurial activities.

The Division of Academic Affairs, through dynamic leadership, creates transformative opportunities that advance knowledge, foster learning, and engage urban communities.

More information at www.morgan.edu/academicaffairs

University





Goal 5

existing entrepreneurs to resources Mission: Connecting buddy and for venture management and growth.









Grantors

Division of Academic Affairs Advisory Boards

LaunchPad'
 Blackstone

US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TITLE III PROGRAM	RETURNA CITZENS MSPRED TO DEVELOP ENTREPRENENAL	BALT MORE	W.O.M.E.N.	Blackstone LaunchPad	HBCU FOUNDERS INTIATIVE
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Responsible

Audience Across All Activities Deliverables Workshops	College stud	ents, women, mer carcerated indivic	College students, women, men, minority veteran entrepreneurs and spouses, youth ages 10-18, formerly incarcerated individuals, tech entrepreneurs, government contractors, community	entrepreneurs a neurs, governm ×	nd spouses, youth ent contractors, co ×	ages 10
Entrepreneurial Training	×	×	×	×	×	
Access to Capital	×	×	×	×	×	
Pitch Competitions	×	×		×	×	
Virtual & Live Events	×	×	×	×	×	
One on One Business Counseling	×	×	×	×	×	
Podcasts & Other Media	×	×		×	×	
Government Contracting	×			×		
Advisory Board Initiative	×	×		×		

THE FIGURES

OCTOBER 2022 - SEPTEMBER 2023

THE NUMBERS BELOW REPRESENT THE NUMBER OF MORGAN--STUDENTS, STAFF, FACULTY, COMMUNITY INDIVIDUALS, ALUMNI, STUDENTS (IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS), BUSINESS OWNERS AND BUDDING ENTREPRENEURS RECEIVING SERVICES FROM EDAC VIA WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, PODCASTS, ACCESS TO CAPITAL, MANAGEMENT SUPPORT, PRINT MEDIA AND ONE ON ONE COUNSELING.

FY 2023 Goal: 400

373
FY '23
FY '22
150

MORGAN STUDENTS

1233 FY '23 FY '22 926

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

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Throughout the year, team EDAC facilitated connections between entrepreneurs and vital resources, empowering them to effectively manage and expand their businesses. Our extensive outreach initiatives involved participating in community events, while internally, we conducted workshops for students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Furthermore, we opened our doors to the community, equipping them with the essential tools for launching, operating, and scaling their enterprises.

CEO'S Evolve Presents: WEALTH SUMMIT

08 July 2023



Baltimore, MD



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THE 3RD QUARTER PROJECT!

Helping You Get Focused!

The 3rd Quarter Project aims to assist 50 businesses in strengthening their operations and achieving success in the upcoming year. Ten subject matter entrepreneurs will work to help businesses prepare for the new year.

TIMELINE



July 12th

SELECTION



July 13th -Sept 13th

PROJECT START & END





Project Manager

Danielle Frisby Business

UnBoxing Change

Subject Matter Entrepreneurs (SME's):

- Tiffany Lymon Business: Tiffany Ignites, LLC
- Kevette Minor Business: Kane MarimorLife®
 Mindset & Money Management
- Shelly Eldridge Business: By Vision Creations LLC
- MURPHY L. PASCHALL Business: BLACK PAPER
 APPAREL GROUP LLC
- Davita Stewart Business: Davita Stewart
- Lyndsae' Peele Business: Kingdom Vision
 Consulting
- Aneka Winstead Business: WATT Business Solutions
- Carla Nelson Chambers Business: The Nelson Ideation Group, LLC
- Ashley WynnGrimes Business: Cannabis Nursing Solutions
- Sandra M Chaney Business: Sandra Chaney Enterprises, Inc

3RD QUARTER PROJECT

Entrepreneurs:

- 1. Robin Beck Business: Bmore Bling and Things
- 2. Tomisa Snyder Business: Esthetically Wrapped LLC
- 3. Emerson Smith Business: Smitty's World
- 4. Kira Horton Pogue Business: Supper & Sangria
- 5. Amber Raymond Business: Love Cartel LLC
- 6. Delonte Kingsberry Business: Pick-N-Roll, LLC
- 7. Tami Torres Business: The G.E.M.
- 8. Joi Johnson Business: Spark Joi Studios
- 9. Barry Henderson Business: Toyinc. (Teaching Our Youth)nonprofit organization
- 10. Lynn Pinder & Kimberly Armstrong Business: Baltimore Green Justice Workers Cooperative (BGJWC)
- 11. Lakita Berry Business: She's the B.O.S.S Radio
- 12. NaTasha Tierra Business: BraidHER Mobile
- 13. Tanya A McDowell Business: TM Project Management Consulting Group
- 14. Robyn Christian Business: Anetrice House Inc.
- 15. Gabrielle Hall Business: Arcane the Bran
- 16. Rockell Jackson Business: RJ Millennial Branding
- 17. Kristina Perkins Business: Caked by Krysi
- 18. Angella Aizire Business: SISSKINCARE_US
- 19. Ajee Hassan Business: Artistry by Ajee / Diversemethodology
- 20. Jessica Lewis Business: Jasink
- 21. Sharetta Scott Business: CannaBee Hempnatize
- 22. Kia Kess Business: Kess Management
- 23. Alysia Makhani Business: Flor Verde Healing
- 24. Jessica Lewis Business: Nursing Tree CBD
- 25. Siraaj Woods Business: SWCreatives
- 26. Keontai Harris Business: Buff & Gloss LLC.
- 27. Shawnrica Stokes (Rica) Business: Blossoming Delights
- 28. Tije Little Business: Campaign Bodies
- 29. Kellie Thomas Business: Kellz Kitchen
- 30. Tyrone Ferrens Business: Ferrens Fitness
- 31. Kira Cotes Business: Black Betty's Cuisine
- 32. Dominique Stuckey Business: The Mosaic Wellness
- 33. Kyanni Fleming Business: The Kneading Well, LLC
- 34. Jewelle Carter Business: JC's Production Studio
- 35. Kayla Westry Business: Kay Elise Studio
- 36. Christiona Harris Business: S.H.E Believes
- 37. Donald Glover Business: DMGlobal Marketing and Public Relations LLC
- 38. LaCheryl E.Jones Business: The Highest Ground LLC
- 39. Alisa L Brock Business: Drama MaMa Bookshop LLC
- 40. Ongenette Washington Business: Mamma O's Sweet Treats and Catering
- 41. Caitlin Johnson Business: Post Pressure
- 42. Dariyah Pennix MSU Student Business: Clipz n Crowns
- 43. Monique Roman MSU Student Business: Amor Fit
- 44. Kareena Nicholson MSU Student Business: Reena's Vanity
- 45. Yasmin Madmoune MSU Student Business: YasApothecary.com
- 46. Carter Scott MSU Student Business: Carter Communications
- 47. Mivette Garcia MSU Student Business: Miguelinda
- 48. Arielle Manely MSU Student Business: Bee And Buttafly LLC
- 49. Jada Avery + John Stokes MSU Student Business: Faithful to the Journey
- 50. Aalliyeh Clinton MSU Student Business: Monneah's Engineered Materials

Grow Your Business

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2021 Awardees



Agency: Missile Defense Agency

Mentor: Tec-Masters, Inc.

Protégé: Beshenich Muir & Associates, LLC

HBCU/MI/PTAC/SBDC: Oakwood

University/ The Catalyst Center for Business and Entrepreneurship Women's Business

Center

Agency: Defense Intelligence Agency

Mentor: Invictus International Consulting, LLC.

Protégé: Blue Sky Innovative Solutions, LLC.

HBCU/MI/PTAC/SBDC: Bowie State

University

Agency: Department of the Navy

Mentor: CACI

Protégé: CDIT

HBCU/MI/PTAC/SBDC: Morgan State

University



Pictured: The Mentor Protege team, the Department of the Navy, and DOD Small Business Programs



The director of EDAC conducted a workshop on Leveraging HBCU/MSI/APEX/SBDC/MEP/WBC/MII Involvement at the annual Department of Defense Mentor Protege conference in Orlando, FL in

March 27-30, 2023.



Learn more at bit.ly/mentordod



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

Kevette Minor Kane MarimorLife Mindset & Money Management

Year Business Started: 2020

www.marimorlife.com

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Finance

Could you share a bit about your journey from Morgan State University to founding MarimorLife Mindset & Money Management? I became an entrepreneur in 1998 and have transitioned through a series of businesses to found MarimorLife Mindset & Money Management in 2020, just before the Pandemic.

How did your experience at the Entrepreneurial Development and Assistance Center contribute to this journey? I was introduced to the EDAC in the Spring of 2022 and immediately made the connection to receive support and contribute to the community being supported. I've served on a committee for one of the student events, provided a micro course for budding entrepreneurs, mentored students, and served as a subject matter entrepreneur for the 3rd Quarter Initiative.

As an alum who participated in the center's events, what key skills or insights did you gain that you found most valuable in starting and growing your business, MarimorLife Mindset & Money

Management? The skills I have refined and increased due to my exposure to and relationship with the EDAC include personal development, customer relationship management, and networking. I've learned throughout my career that these skills must be continually strengthened. I'm grateful for the platform the EDAC has provided for this growth.

How has your degree in Finance from Morgan State University played a role in shaping your entrepreneurial endeavors and the success of your business? My degree has provided the education for me to establish a foundation for my business and a strong structure to continue developing what I understand will be a transformational process for the financial services industry.

Can you tell us about a particularly memorable or influential event or workshop from the Entrepreneurial Development and Assistance Center that significantly impacted your approach to entrepreneurship? The 2023 Mind, Body & Business conference was ultra-empowering. There was a coach who shared encouragement with regard to taking advantage of opportunities that truly impacted and empowered me professionally.

What have been some significant challenges you've faced while running your business, and how did you manage to overcome them? The most significant challenge has been with creating my initial product in a book that was published in June of 2022. There were challenges to overcome through the process both with logistics and financing. I was able to overcome those challenges because I was determined to accomplish my goal. I restructured the publishing process and covered the cost to ensure the project was completed and the product was published. Were there any specific strategies or lessons you employed? The greatest lesson for me in this situation was to make sure I'm educated enough to understand processes for the benefit of my own interest. It was emphasized for me to not be afraid to ask questions and to adjust with the circumstances as necessary.

Reflecting on your journey since graduating in 2000, what advice or words of wisdom would you share with current and future Morgan State University students who aspire to become successful entrepreneurs? First, I encourage them to take advantage of their youth and position as students to reach into higher levels of learning in both education and career environments. Secondly, I encourage them to understand that all good things come with time, so continue to do the work and learn from every stage of your process because that is what will bring you closer to your goal and the accomplishment of success.



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

LaKita Berry

Business Name: She's The B.O.S.S.

Year Business Started: 2012

Website: www.ShesTheBOSSRadio.com Social Media Outlets: Facebook: She's The

B.O.S.S. Radio IG: WSTBRN

Can you share your journey of becoming a community entrepreneur? What inspired you to start and how did your involvement with the Entrepreneural Development and Assistance Center's events contribute to this path?

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My venture into community entrepreneurship began with a deep concern for women in entrepreneurship, especially moms, housewives, and women of color. I dedicated myself to learning about the challenges they faced and building a network of supporters. With a clear vision and strategic plan, I started small, organizing local events and campaigns. I embraced failures as opportunities to grow and explored ways to scale my impact. I actively mentored others and celebrated my successes along the way. My journey has taught me the power of passion, collaboration, and perseverance. Omar Muhammad through the EDAC helped me by encouraging me not to stop at what I felt was a failed event at the time.

How has your business made a positive impact on the community since its inception? She's The B.O.S.S. is a community-oriented business that has strived to make a positive impact since its inception. Through a variety of initiatives, including partnering with local businesses, supporting local charities, and hosting community events, the business has contributed to the economic growth, cultural preservation, and overall well-being of the community. One particular initiative that showcases the value of the business is the 2021 Virtual Prom, which provided a safe and enjoyable way for local high school students to celebrate this significant milestone during the COVID-19 pandemic. By consistently delivering on its promise of providing high-quality products and services, She's The B.O.S.S. has earned the trust and loyalty of its community members. The business remains committed to furthering its initiatives and continually seeking ways to make a lasting, positive impact.

Entrepreneurship often involves overcoming challenges. Could you discuss a notable challenge you faced while building your business, and how did you manage to navigate through it? I faced the challenge of navigating a sudden and significant shift in market dynamics due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I overcame it by swiftly pivoting my business online, diversifying my offerings, and maintaining transparent and empathetic communication with clients and employees. I also implemented strict health and safety measures for in-person interactions and focused on long-term planning.

The Entrepreneurial Development and Assistance Center's events likely provided valuable resources. Can you identify a specific event or learning experience that significantly influenced your approach to community entrepreneurship and the growth of your business? I attended the "Bears in Business Brunch" organized by EDAC, which significantly influenced my approach to community entrepreneurship and the growth of my business. It shifted my mindset from solely pursuing profit to actively seeking opportunities to create positive social change through my business. This event served as a catalyst for aligning my business's values and goals with the broader community's needs and aspirations, ultimately contributing to its long-term sustainability and success.

As someone who has successfully developed a community-focused business, what advice do you have for aspiring entrepreneurs looking to make a positive impact on their local communities through their ventures? Here are some valuable pieces of advice that I can offer for aspiring entrepreneurs looking to make a positive impact on their local communities through their ventures:

- Identify a Genuine Passion and Purpose
- Engage with the Community
- Collaborate and Partner
- Focus on Sustainability
- Adaptability and Flexibility
- Involve the Community in Decision-Making
- Measure and Communicate the Impact
- Empower Others
- Adopt Sustainable Practices
- Support Local Economy
- Celebrate Achievements and Milestones
- Perseverance and Resilience
- Stay Informed and Seek Mentorship
- Marketing and Storytelling
- Legal and Ethical Considerations



Resources available for women entrepreneurs...



CONFERENCES



ENTREPRENEURIAL TRAINING & WORKSHOPS



PODCASTS



ONE ON ONE BUSINESS COUNSELING



ROOM TO GROW INITIATIVE



ACCESS TO CAPITAL











CELEBRATING WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

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2023 ACTION PLAN

Resources to add to your action plan:

- · Tools for a Growth Mindset
- Get moving for energy & more...
- Ask the Advisors:
 Accountant, Attorney,
 Insurance Agent, Financial
 Planner
- Saturday, 7th January, 2023
- (L) 10.00 AM 2.00 PM



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Limited to 50 Lite Breakfast & Lunch will be

FREE event. Register at www.edacmorgan.com

Note: Pitch Competition Starts at 10:30 a.m.



THE SPEAKER LINEUP



Kelli Banks

Mindset Coach Shine Bright Coaching, Inc.



Coach Nikki

Fitness Coach Built Body Fitness



Aneka Winstead

The Accountant Watt Business Solutions



Kevette Minor Kane

The Financial Planner MarimorLife Mindset & Money Management



Katrina Leonard

The Insurance Agent Greater Baltimore Insurance Agency, Inc.



Krystle I. Myers, Esquire

The Attorney Eleven Law Firm













Business Located in Baltimore

75% SERVICES

Service Business

Attendees

25%

Product Based Business



80% New to EDAC services





\$1,500 Microgrant

The business challenges shared by attendees will be addressed throughout the year with business counseling, workshops, and the Growth Beyond Me initiative.

Sustainability

197 Attendees





- Women in Health
- Women Influencers
- Women in Tech
- Women in Nonprofit
- Women in Media
- Techsgiving

\$10,000 MicroGrants









M.E.N. PLATFORM

W.O.M.E.N. is addressing the need of helping Black and Brown women veterans, military spouses, and women seeking contracting opportunities with government agencies and the private sector. Successful candidate will manage:

ENTREPRENEURIAL **TRAINING BOOTCAMP**

- Evenings 6p 8p
- Focus: Tools for doing government





LOAN FUND

5,000 loan microloan

ONE ON ONE BUSINESS COUNSELING



· All women veteran entrepreneurs, military spouses, and women entrepreneurs seeking government contracting are eligible to receive one on one business counseling



WOMEN **VETERAN ENTREPRENEUR PODCAST** (12 TOTAL)

ONE DAY SUMMIT





Activities from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023

- 12 podcasts
- \$85,000 loans deployed
- Two webinars
- One on One Business Counseling with the four Women's Business Centers in Maryland
- Four Cohorts for the Entrepreneurial Training Bootcamps -- 70 completions
- 210 attendees for the Annual Event

Advisory Board & Team Members

- Omar Muhammad, Director MSU EDAC, Podcast Host
- o Dawn L. Tucker, Program Coordinator and Facilitator
- Kamalia Blunt, Program Coordinator and Facilitator
- Joe Wynn, The Veterans Entrepreneurs Training and Services (VETS) Group
- Crystal Showell, Jollycare-rs (In Process) Retired Head of Contracting Activity and current Federal Employee
- Lonnette Bryan, GSA Federal Solutions and Retired Federal Employee
- Anissa Alston, ALSTNTEC and Destination **Achievers**
- Roslyn Jones, Women Veterans/Inclusion Program Manager, MD Department of **Veterans Affairs**
- Sharon Jacobs, Strategic Alliance Group, Inc. and N-STEP, Inc.

ANNUAL WOMEN VETERANS SUMMIT

THE WOMEN VETERAN ENTREPRENEURS OF COLOR
(WVE) INITIATIVE

BECOME A BUSINESS TRIPLE THREAT VIRTUAL SUMMIT 2.0



https://2023-become-a-business-triple-threat-secure-the-3.heysummit.com

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Women's Business Center

Providing Business Advisor services to Baltimore City, Baltimore, Howard, Frederick, Carroll, and Harford counties









The Balt Metro Women's Business Center is committed to embrace women business owners and provide resources to enhance their business knowledge as well as support their ingenuity for entrepreneurial growth.







We're Here for you!

- ONLINE TRAININGS
- ON-DEMAND WEBINARS
- ONE ON ONE BUSINESS ADVISING
- ENTREPRENEURIAL MENTORSHIP **PROGRAM**
- **GROUP BUSINESS COUNSELING**
- BUSINESS LEADERSHIP GROUP
- **NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES**

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U.P.S.C.A.L.E

Initiative

Utilizing Procurement Systems for Certifications & Contract Awards to Leverage Economic Empowerment

for Women





Let's Get Started

- •Register on Baltmetrowbc.org Website
- •Welcome How to Engage; Being an Entrepreneur Femme Style I -(Networking & Group Counseling)
- Orientation Overcoming Barriers
 ;Being an
 Entrepreneur
 Femme Style II
 (Networking &
 Group Counseling)
 Orientation for

Training

- 7Cornerstones
- DigitalIn Person
- Pitch Prep
- Certification
- Ceruncation
 Cohort
- Cohort Specialty Trainings

ning 1:1 Mentors

- Digital Class options
- 7 Cornerstone videos
- Action Plan
- 2 visits with Each Mentor
- Homework
- 7 Mentors
- Completion Celebration 2x yearly

Panel

- B.A.I.L
- Resource Panel
 Evidence Based
- Evidence Based Business Theories

Conferences & Special Events

- Partner Events
- Maryland State Event/i.e. First Lady
- It Takes a Village
- Conference -Holistic theme
- Networking
- Money Match Making
- Capital

Support Programs

- SME services
- BGPC
- Ambassadors Program











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Business **Creation**







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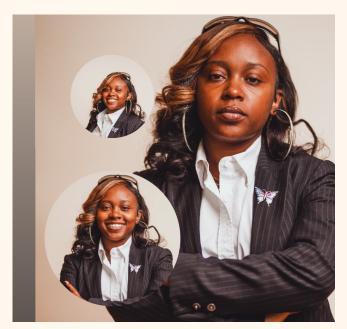
From L to R: Omar, Blair, Amoi, Carter, Dariyah, Monique, Mivette, Kareena, Danielle (Co Campus Director), Arielle, Yvette (The Glue for the Team)

Intern Staff Member	Position/Title	Duties
Arielle Rodgers Manely	EDAC LaunchPad Work Flow and Press Operations Manager + C.A.S.E President	Manages EDAC Work Task for Team + Press Partners & Spokensmen
Dariyah Pennix	Bear Tank Operations Manager + C.A.S.E Vice President	Manages All LaunchPad Pitch Competitions + Meeting Minutes
Carter Scott	Bear Tank Operations Manager + C.A.S.E Secretary	Manages All LaunchPad Pitch Competitions + Meeting Minutes
Blair Dyer	Bear Street Team Manager + C.A.S.E Treasuer	Manages all Street Team Events + Program Gifts
Alayna Jordan	EDAC Launch Brand Manager + C.A.S.E Membership	Manages Small Event Team Staff content and posting schedule.
Mivette Garcia	Bear Crawl Events + Media Coordinator + C.A.S.E Community Chair	Manages Bear Crawl Site visits + Founders Academy Social Media Management
Kareena Nicholson	Bear 2 Win Events + Media Coordinator + C.A.S.E Alumni Chair	Bear 2 Win Pitch Participants Interviews Social Media Management
Jonah Smith	Bear Street Team + "Just in C.A.S.E" Podcast Host + Mr. C.A.S.E	Host of assigned special events and "Just in CASEC.A.S.E" podcast episodes
Monique Roman	Bear Brunch Podcast and Special Events Host + Miss.C.A.S.E	Host of assigned special events and Bear Brunch podcast episodes
Amoi Turner	Bear Street Team + C.A.S.E PR Chair	Press for all data, events, and programs for C.A.S.E





MORGAN STUDENT



ARIELLE RODGERS MANLEY

Bee And Buttafly LLC

www.BeeandButtafly.com

Degree Area: Applied Liberal Studies with a

minor in Fine art and entrepreneurship

Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2023

Could you share your experience as a student entrepreneur at Morgan State University? How has your involvement with the Entrepreneurial Development and Assistance Center's events shaped your entrepreneurial journey so far? My experience as a student entrepreneur at Morgan State University has been incredibly rewarding. The Entrepreneurial Development and Assistance Center's events have played a pivotal role in shaping my entrepreneurial journey. They've provided me with invaluable insights, networking opportunities, and practical skills that have been instrumental in the growth of my business.

What motivated you to start your business, and how does it connect with your studies at Morgan? Bee And Buttafly LLC, was born out of my passion for inclusive, sustainable, and accessible fashion and goods. The motivation behind starting it was to rebirth a family venture. This venture aligns perfectly with my studies in Applied Liberal Studies with a minor in Fine Art and Entrepreneurship, as it allows me to blend creativity with the practical knowledge needed to run a successful business.

Balancing academics and running a business can be challenging. How do you manage your time effectively to excel in both areas, and are there any resources from the university that have helped you with this?

Balancing academics and running a business can indeed be challenging, but I've found effective time management to be the key. I make use of tools like calendars and to-do lists to prioritize tasks. Additionally, Morgan State University offers resources like the Edac Center, the counseling center, and several academic enrichment labs that have been valuable in helping me strike a balance and excel in both areas.

Building an online presence is crucial for modern businesses. How have you utilized your website and social media outlets to market your business and connect with your target audience? Establishing an online presence has been fundamental for Bee and Buttafly. Our website, www.BeeandButtafly.com, serves as a hub for potential customers to explore our offerings and learn about our mission. Social media outlets like Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok have been instrumental in marketing our business and connecting with our target audience. We use platforms like Meta to share updates, engage with followers, and create a sense of community around our brand.

With your expected graduation, what are your plans for scaling and growing your business after leaving the university? Are there any specific goals you're aiming to achieve in the near future? With my expected graduation in Spring 2024, I'm eager to take Bee and Buttafly to new heights. I plan on focusing on perfecting our operations, hiring a team, and carrying out our marketing plan. My goal is to raise 50k in startup capital and I'm excited to embark on this next chapter of my entrepreneurial journey.

As someone who has successfully developed a business while attending college, what advice do you have for aspiring entrepreneurs looking to make a positive impact on their local communities through their ventures? To aspiring entrepreneurs looking to make a positive impact on their local communities, I'd offer the following advice: First, find a venture that aligns with your passion and values. Next, seek out resources and mentorship opportunities, like those provided by EDAC. Don't be afraid to take risks, and always be adaptable to change. Lastly, remember that every setback is an opportunity to learn and grow. Stay committed to your vision, and you'll make a meaningful difference in your community.









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\$27,600





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Student Organization



Startup Entrepreneurs

COLLEGIATE ASSOCIATION STARTUP & GROWTH ENTREPRENEURS (C.A.S.E)

Bring Your Resumes! Bring Your Business Cards

ioin EDAC LaunchPad FOR 2023 C.A.S.E Conference

Collegiate Association Startup & Growth Entrepreneurs (CASE) Saturday, April 29, 2023, @ Morgan State University

Calling All Students! C.A.S.E Conference is Here!

This conference is for students that are interested in learning how to Build Black Business Ventures; Operate Minority-Owned Businesses and make key connections to create the feature of your dreams.

C.A.S.E Conference is FREE and open to all students/ majors, classifications. Must Register to attend

CASE Conference will feature:

- Workshops
- Speakers
- Live Pitch Competition
- Resource Providers to assist with your business
- Networking
- Grab and Go Breakfast & Lunch

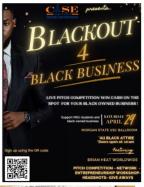
Ready, Set. Pitch

CASE attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a Live pitch competition. Contestants will have the opportunity to win over \$20K in seed money for their businesses.

CASE will feature successful business professionals and entrepreneurs that will be sharing their expertise and experience during the networking portion.









Pitching & Founders Academy



12 Student Participants

Seed Funding to Support Student Entrepreneurship Startups



Bear Tank Pitch Competition Finalists

- Anthony Edmond
 Monique Roman
- Dariyah Pennix
- 4. Alayna Jordan
- 5. Sagar Gurung
- 6. Oluwakayode Jasanya7. Jada Avery + John Stokes
- 8. Aalliyeh Clinton
 9. Ryan iones + Chr
- 9. Ryan jones + Christian Turcious
- 10. Mivette Garcia
- 11. Morelys Urbano
- 12. Kareena Nicholson



Morgan State University EDAC Founders Academy

Blackstone LaunchPad

MSU LAUNCHPAD FOUNDERS ACADEMY

The Founders Academy was created as an opportunity for 10 MSU students to launch and grow their entrepreneurial ventures. Student participants were given \$1,000 in seed money to invest in their business, matched with Subject Matters Entrepreneurs, and given the opportunity to pitch for \$10,000 in funding after the completion of the academy.



Brunch & Bear Crawls

Record Growth from 12 \rightarrow 165+ event participants from the first event





On the Bears Brunch Menu:

- Student Club Presentations
- Awards and Honorable Tribute to the Late Alethe D. Pounds
- Two Live Pitch Competitions -Premier of Pull-Up and Pitch Cash Competition
- Student Club Inspired Gifts and Favors

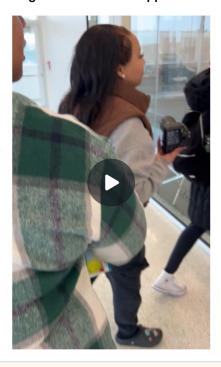
BEAR CRAWLS

Bear Crawls were created as Off and On Campus field trips for students to be exposed to MSU Career resources and after graduation career opportunities

ON CAMPUS

MSU Career Closet- where students were able to shop for professional attire at no cost to them. Our student team used this opportunity to shop for items to showcase and wear at the Bears in Business Brunch

Designed to specifically increasing career exposure for students







FALL 2023 PRE-ACCELERATOR



Calling all HBCU student and alumni entrepreneurs!

Do you have a great business idea? We want to help! Join HBCUFI for our Fall 2023, 8-week, Pre-Accelerator program.

PROGRAM BENEFITS:

- Access to mentors and advisors
- Startup funding opportunities
- Network with HBCU startup founders
- Pitch to potential investors

APPLY HER BY AUGUST 6, 2023 HBCUFI.ORG/PRE-ACCELERATOR For more information email:miranda@hbcufi.org

Fall 2022 **5 students**



Fall 2023 **8 students**

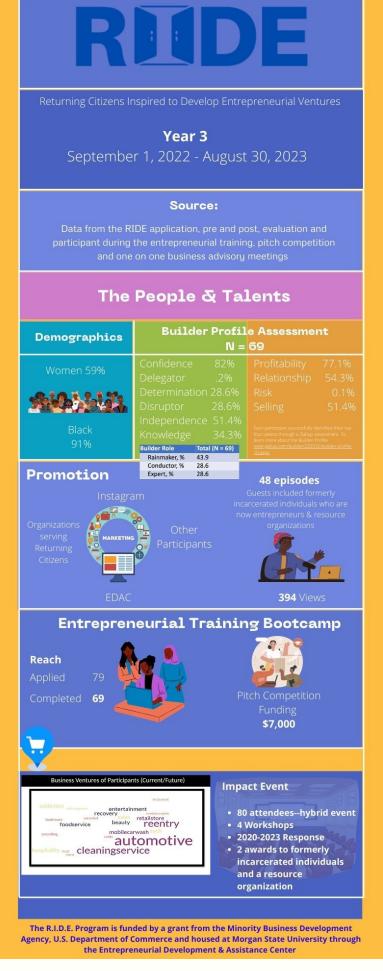
Pitch Winner \$2,500

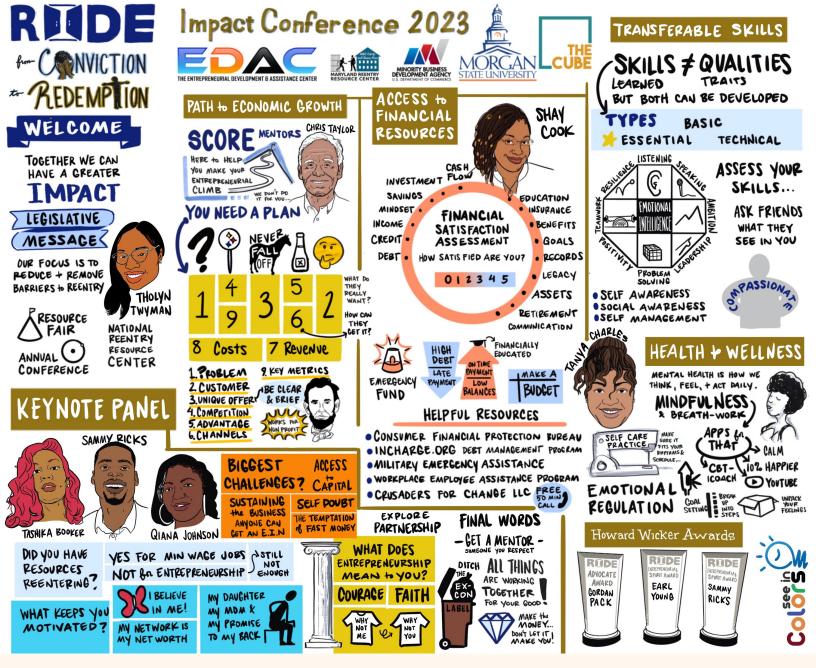


Minority Business Development Agency Formerly Incarcerated Persons Learning Entrepreneurship

Morgan State University through the EDAC received a grant from the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) Entrepreneurship Education Program for Formerly Incarcerated Persons. MBDA is committed to leveraging its capabilities to help increase opportunities that formerly incarcerated minority persons face in trying to reenter the workforce. The Entrepreneurship Education Program for Formerly Incarcerated Persons will focus on funding innovative projects to support and equip formerly incarcerated individuals with the skills, resources, and networks to start their own businesses. ACTIVITIES

- Skill Development. 3-hour entrepreneurship boot camp (all participants receive access to an online tool to help with business planning) learning the basics of starting, operating, and growing a business.
- Continuing Education. Popup Workshops to further help individuals create an entrepreneurial mindset and business.
- Resources. Monthly podcast, monthly video podcast highlighting formerly incarcerated individuals who are now exploring entrepreneurship or finding new ways to grow their enterprise and resources from other organizations.
- RIDE University, monthly videos on starting, operating, and growing your enterprise.
- One-on-One Business Guidance. Budding and existing entrepreneurs will have access to one on one business counseling.
- Room to Grow Initiative. Six individuals will be selected to participate in an advisory board initiative that meets monthly for 10 months. Selected individuals will have an opportunity to create goals and receive feedback monthly from an advisory board.
- Specialized Training. Work with vocational partners to offer employment skills to formerly incarcerated individuals.
- Event. Annual Symposium, testimonies from individuals participating in the 2-day boot camp, research on what's working, and workshops to further consider ways to make money for life and business.





Find replays, research report and conference guide at

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FROM

Guide

THE RIDE INITIATIVE...

A few highlights of the RIDE Initiative throughout the year...



Real Estate Rehab Specialized Training Program instructor & participants onsite of one of the properties



MBDA recognized EDAC for its work with returning citizens



The RIDE Impact in visual form



Sammy Ricks, participant in RIDE and Howard Wicker Entrepreneurial Spirit Award



EDAC in the community sharing resources for startups



Advisory board member and collaborative partner



Entrepreneurial Bootcamp participant--Hilda's Place



Entrepreneurial Bootcamp participant--Pivot



Entrepreneurial Bootcamp participant--A Step Forward

THE RIDE INITIATIVE...

Participants from the RIDE Entrepreneurial Bootcamp...

Why RIDE? - Select Participant Responses

- "To get the knowledge and possibly network to strengthen my connections to help me start my own sober living/ re-entry homes to give back what has been freely given to me."
- "I am looking for guidance and to learn the skills necessary to become an entrepreneur."
- "Need the help for a Second chance"
- "To better my life"
- "I have an idea, just need guidance"
- "I want to be involved in the program to learn something different to move forward with success."
- "So I can have a career in something that I like doing.
- "I want to be involved in this opportunity because I believe I have what it takes to thrive in the fashion field. I am extremely passionate and believe I can show the world my talent with the right assistance, resources, mentoring and guidance I can"



Plan to Use Newly Acquired Knowledge

- "I will use the information to build a successful company"
- · "Start journaling my ideas"
- "I will continue to refer back to my notes to make sure I am doing things right to make my business grow"
- "To start a business plan...! have a plan but now I will have a business plan."
- "I will be more precise about what I am selling"
- "I will work on building up my strengths and working on improving my weaknesses"
- "I have a blueprint on how to organize my ideas to develop my business"
- I will definitely be using the SWOT analysis"

Evaluation of RIDE SESSIONS

RATING SCALE:

1 = STRONGLY DISAGREE 2 = DISAGREE 3 = UNDECIDED 4 = AGREE 5 = STRONGLY AGREE

Evaluative Statement	Mean
Trainer relates well to the audience	4.86
Trainer is knowledgeable about the subject	4.70
Trainer's presentation was clear and organized	4.86
I found the handouts to be a helpful tool for learning	4.70
The training site was conducive to learning	4.55
I would recommend this training to others	4.91
The length of the class was acceptable.	4.32
The time of the class was acceptable.	4.45
The class met my expectations.	4.86

BREAKTHROUGH

PODCAST

DISCOVERING NEW PATHWAYS



OMAR MUHAMMAD COHOST



A podcast where formerly incarcerated individuals share their story and highlight organizations that support them.



LEON ROBERSON IV

COHOST

LAST MONDAY EDACMORGAN.COM 4:00PM









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- EDAC (Title III)
- Returning Citizens Inspired to Develop Entrepreneurial Ventures (RIDE) (MBDA)
- W.O.M.E.N. (Truist)
- Baltimore Metropolitan Women Business Center (SBA)



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