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Reflections on All-African Diaspora Summit in Ghana

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[5:00 pm] Pam

Welcome to #EquityChat sponsored by @CollegeFutures w/your @equityavengers hosts @iamkeithcurry, @DrTammeil & @DrPamLuster. Tonight @AbdimalikBuul @DrRickyShabazz & @swthayer @A2MEND2006 leaders are reflecting on the All-African Diaspora Education Summit in Ghana. Welcome Drs!

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Good evening everyone

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Pleasure to be here thank you for having us [#EquityChat](#)

[5:05 pm] Tammeil

Q1@AbdimalikBuul @DrRickyShabazz & @swthayer Please share the purpose of the All-African Diaspora Education Summit - How did @A2MEND2006 become involved and key participants in the summit? #EquityChat @iamkeithcurry @DrPamLuster @CollegeFutures

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1/3 The Purpose of ADES was 2 continue our Global Vision of Equity rooted in our Africakity. Dr. Bush alongside Chief Obokese were instrumental partners in leveraging system partners in ensuring we emphasis African in African Americans. Our thinking, pedagogical practice, movement

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The education summit was a convening on the continent of educators, advocates and allies to reaffirm our commitment to supporting and serving our Black and African American students.

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2/3 and to that point we can't really talk about freedom & liberation if we haven't walked on liberated soil. So following in the footsteps of W.E.B Dubois & others we felt it was instrumental & a missing components of our PD as a system if we did not visit the motherland

[Dr. Tammeil Gilkerson @DrTammeil·3m](#)

Beautifully stated & something equity-focused systems, institutions, & frankly all levels haven't recognized. Investment in PD must center both the educator & the student in the experience. Education isn't just the relationship with our students but with our own learning.

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We supported the idea of taking Black students on a study abroad to their ancestral homeland to visit the largest university in Ghana. [#EquityChat](#)

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This has been a part of the vision of A2MEND from the first time we all met [#EquityChat](#)

[5:13 pm] Keith

Q2 [@AbdimalikBuul @DrRickyShabazz & @swthayer](#) -What stood out to you from your experience on the trip? What did you learn? [#EquityChat @DrPamLuster @DrTammeil @CollegeFutures](#)

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I learned the impact of inter generational trauma & the urgency around a need for a global perspective on equity work! Our framework & scholarship is limited & confined to the west hence why [@A2MEND2006](#) is going to have its racial trauma healing center! [#EquityChat](#)

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It was a homecoming, there was a sense of comfort and calm. I felt like I was attending a family reunion because everything felt so familiar. [#EquityChat](#)

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I also learned that one can definitely overdose on Jolof rice I've had my share for the next few years.

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It was a powerful experience to see both faculty and students return to their ancestry of homeland and attend, a university that is a national leader in education and equity. [#equitychat](#)

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That [@DrRickyShabazz](#) will have any excuse to be in flip flops and a Dashiki [#EquityChat](#)

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We learned that Africa has large universities that are leading research and design.

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We also had an opportunity to take faculty to see the Africa that is not portrayed in movies, or by the media. [#equitychat](#)

[Dr. Tammeil Gilkerson @DrTammeil·1m](#)

It was a powerful experience for the faculty & staff I traveled with. For some it was the first time being on the continent. I could see how liberating it was to see & hear a different narrative than is often depicted. [#equitychat @Iamkeithcurry @DrPamLuster @equityavengers](#)

[Ricky Shabazz @DrRickyShabazz·39m](#)

I loved seeing our students see another country and a university full of other Black students from the African diaspora. The Cape Coast University has 60,000 students. [#EquityChat](#)

[5:20 pm] Pam

Q3 [@AbdimalikBuul @DrRickyShabazz & @swthayer](#) -How has this experience impacted the racial equity work on your campuses? [#EquityChat @Iamkeithcurry @CollegeFutures @DrPamLuster](#)

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Our students presented to our college's board of trustees which opened eyes about the the value of study abroad for ALL students. We shared the data on Black students participation in these programs.

[5:28pm] Tammeil

Q4 [@AbdimalikBuul @DrRickyShabazz & @swthayer](#) -How has the experience in Ghana impacted [@A2MEND](#) and its leadership? What do you see in the future to continue the efforts? [@A2MEND2006 #EquityChat @Iamkeithcurry @DrPamLuster @CollegeFutures](#)

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We have to find ways to raise funds to support more Black students to study abroad. These are life changing opportunities.

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The students also presented as part of Black History Month to encourage other students to participate in study abroad. Research indicates that Black students don't typically participate. Now more will. [#EquityChat](#)

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The students returned more motivated to complete their studies, and they had a chance to present to the board of trustees, the importance of black students, and all students being able to study abroad. [#EquityChat](#)

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We've boldly chartered the path of taking our students to African this was eye opening in the sense that we are truly global in our efforts as we continue to build those bridges with international partners in the public & private sector. Home is where the heart is [#MamaAfrica](#)

[5:35pm] Keith Q5

[@AbdimalikBuul @DrRickyShabazz & @swthayer](#)-What are your thoughts on the College Board's recent decision on the new AP course in African-Am Studies? [@DrTammeil @DrPam Luster @CollegeFutures #EquityChat #EquityAvengers](#)

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We need more opportunities for all students to gain exposure to cultural relevant curriculum where students see themselves in their studies. This is good.

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It's layered & nuanced AP courses have their own challenges & so does testing and im not a fan them I'd rather our students do dual enrollment and get more practical collegiate experience. I also think of academics freedom & the fear of everyone having an opinion on curriculum

[5:42 pm] Pam

Q6 [AbdimalikBuul @DrRickyShabazz & @swthayer](#)- To do this work, we must continue learning and partnering with others. Who/what is informing your practice? Who do you recommend we follow, and what are you learning from them? [@DrTammeil @lamkeithcurry @CollegeFutures #EquityChat #EquityAvengers](#)

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I recommend we follow [@swthayer](#) let's show him some twitter love! I always enjoy [@CornelWest](#) The Wretched of the Earth by Frantz Fanon, Dubois Souls of Black Folk, Carter G Woodson, Freire, Malcolm X & bell hooks, Dr. Francis Cress Welsing, Nelly Fuller & Stokley Carmichael

[5:49 pm] Tammeil

Q7@AbdimalikBuul @DrRickyShabazz & @swthayer-As you reflect on your experience in Ghana, what gives you hope? @DrPamLuster @lamkeithcurry @CollegeFutures #EquityChat #EquityAvengers

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Our colleagues, partners such as yourselves and the students in our system they have so much to offer & are resilient beyond belief!

[5:54 pm] Keith

Q8@AbdimalikBuul @DrRickyShabazz & @swthayer

Final question for tonight - what advice would you give to other equity practitioners?

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[6:00 pm] Pam

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TY [@DrRickyShabazz @AbdimalikBuul](#) & [@swthayer](#) for joining us tonight on [#EquityChat](#), sharing your deep reflection on the All-African Diaspora Ed Summit in Ghana. [#Sawubona @A2MEND2006](#). Stay tuned as we announce next wks guest soon! [@lamkeithcurry @DrTammeil @equityavengers](#) OUT!