

Let's Celebrate Student Success Together In 2021 🙌



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President's Message for a New Year

Dear Friends,

I don't think anyone could have predicted that in 2020 the world would be reeling from a global pandemic that has already killed over 376,000 Americans, or that civil unrest and the fight for social justice would be re-ignited by the tragic murders of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, *or* that a bomber would blow up most of our daughter's neighborhood in Nashville, TN on Christmas morning.

Like so many, **I had unrealistic expectations for 2021** but I never thought the first week would include witnessing an angry mob perpetrate a destructive and vile assault our nation's Capital and violence on those who serve there. But here we are.

What gives us hope here at MeckEd? **The entire team has learned to find joy in the big and small successes of the young people we serve.** In December, Alisha Irby, a 2020 graduate of West Charlotte High School and Career Pathways participant, passed her certification test as a Phlebotomist. Modesty Harrison, also a 2020 West Charlotte Career Pathways graduate

passed the CNA1 exam. Last week we learned that Elijah Rice, a Vance HS/Career Pathways senior was accepted into East Carolina State and Jayla Sloan, also a Vance HS/Career Pathways senior was accepted into NC Agricultural and Technical School. **They are among countless Career Pathways participants and alumni who are living into and manifesting a world of limitless possibility.**

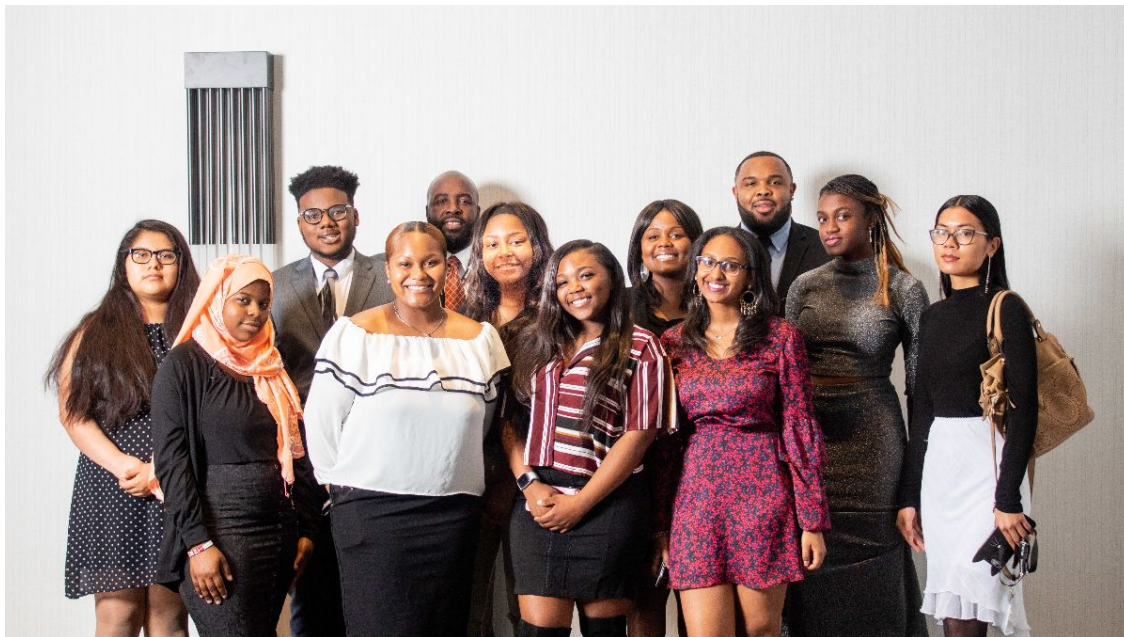
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They are proud of themselves and we are, I am, proud of them. Knowing that our collective future will be shaped by them gives us hope. In 2021, we will share more stories of the young people we serve and in turn share this hope with all of you.

We remain honored to serve these extraordinary, resilient, and goal oriented young people **and thank you for your continued support in order to continue this work.**

Onward!

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