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## The BSU Philanthropy Initiative Places its 4<sup>th</sup> Cohort of Philanthropy Fellows in Foundations and Nonprofit Organizations



Vichan Cooper  
TIDES Network



Daniel Owens  
Grand Victoria  
Foundation



Dion Smith  
PEAK Grantmaking



Nush Zweh  
Assoc. for Black  
Foundation Executives



Nijah Williams  
TIDES Network



Jahlove Shakur  
Annie E. Casey  
Foundation

BSUPI is pleased to announce the placement of six new College of Business Graduate Students in the 2025-26 cohort of its Philanthropy Fellowship. Five organizations will host them for a year-long practicum experience where they can learn and practice philanthropy and nonprofit management under the supervision of C-suite executives. Each will have a unique experience based on the mission and goals of their hosting organizations.

Vichan Cooper and Nijah Williams have been placed at the TIDES Network headquartered in San Francisco. Tides is a partner for justice in the social sector, working closely with doers and donors to build the power of historically excluded groups who face systemic barriers. TIDES provides fiscal sponsorship, donor advised funds, impact investing, and a variety of grantmaking solutions to advance social justice and equity.

Daniel Owens will be working with Grand Victoria Foundation (GVF) in Chicago, IL. GVF's work focuses on communities across the State of Illinois that have experienced longstanding underinvestment and systemic racism. Many of those communities have significant Black populations and supporting them is at the core of GVF's grantmaking.

Dion Smith is working with PEAK Grantmaking in Washington, DC. PEAK promotes principled grantmaking practices that align funders and nonprofits as equal partners in advancing their respective missions and strategic objectives. PEAK's vision is that narrowing the power gap and ensuring that funders live their values through their grantmaking practices will result in positive change for the causes and solutions that philanthropy seeks to collectively advance.

Nush Zweh is serving her Fellowship with ABFE: A Philanthropic Partnership for Black Communities, headquartered in New York City. ABFE is a philanthropy-serving organization (PSO) that centers Black experience and excellence through their Philanthropic Advising Services, Initiatives, Peer Community Networks, and Signature Events. ABFE helps institutions go beyond grantmaking priorities to understand the

racial equity implications of grantmaking processes, internal policies and systems, and organizational culture.

Jahlove Shakur has been assigned to the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF) in Baltimore. AECF focuses on strengthening families, building stronger communities and ensuring access to opportunity. AECF also advances research and solutions to overcome the barriers to success, help communities demonstrate what works and influence decision makers to invest in strategies based on solid evidence.

“The Advisory Board of BSUPI is extremely pleased to have these excellent students, and this outstanding array of innovative partners, join us for another year of immersive learning in philanthropy and nonprofit management,” says Dr. James Hyman, Founder of the BSU Philanthropy Fellowship.