

Ujima Center for School Counseling

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Greetings,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you in my capacity as Executive Director of the Ujima Center at Bowie State University, a hub for culturally affirming school counselor training and practices. Our mission is to cultivate a vibrant community of culturally responsive and culturally sustaining school counselors by actively recruiting and providing comprehensive training to foster an inclusive and equitable educational environment for students from diverse backgrounds.

The Ujima Center is at a pivotal point, seeking to expand its impact and further its mission. To this end, we are establishing an Advisory Council composed of distinguished individuals who share our commitment to providing culturally affirming school counseling training. It is with great respect and admiration for your work in the school counseling and school mental health community that I extend to you an invitation to join the Ujima Center Advisory Council.

As a member of our Advisory Council your role would involve providing strategic guidance and supporting our mission through advocacy. We believe that your unique insights and expertise would be invaluable to our team as we strive to recruit, retain and train a diverse group of school counselors to work with diverse students in high need schools in Maryland.

The commitment would involve attending Advisory Council meetings twice a year, one in the fall and one in the spring. The goal is to ensure that it complements your existing responsibilities while allowing for a meaningful contribution to the Ujima Center.

We are eager to create a diverse and dynamic board that brings together thought leaders, innovators, and advocates in the field of school counseling and school based mental health. Your presence on our council would not only enrich our collective endeavors but also significantly enhance our ability to make a lasting impact in the areas we serve.

I would be delighted to discuss this invitation further at your convenience, providing more information about the Ujima Center, our vision for the advisory board, and how we envision your role within it. Please feel free to reach out to me directly at 240-997-5943 or nham@bowiestate.edu

Thank you for considering this invitation. I look forward to the possibility of welcoming you to the Ujima Center Advisory Council and embarking on this exciting journey together.

Warmest regards,

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