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## Message from the *JCES* Editors

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Dear Engaged Reader,

Welcome to the inaugural special issue of the *Journal of Community Engagement and Scholarship*! We are excited to introduce this issue on engagement at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, which the *JCES* leadership team enthusiastically agreed to sponsor based on a proposal submitted by Dr. Kimberly King-Jupiter, who served as the guest editor for this issue. This special issue is a labor of love and the culmination of two and a half years of hard work.

*JCES* would especially like to thank Dr. King-Jupiter for her vision in making this special issue a reality. Dr. Thurman Webb, Dr. Sandra Harris, and Dr. Alethea Hampton also served in editorial roles along the way. We also acknowledge those who reviewed manuscripts and otherwise contributed to completing this issue.

Finally, we would like to introduce Dr. Rhoda Reddix, the associate editor for special issues at *JCES*. Dr. Reddix, who serves as an associate professor in the School of Arts and Sciences and director of service-learning at Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University (Baton Rouge, LA), has a long and distinguished history of engagement as a scholar, mentor, and practitioner. She was instrumental in getting this issue “across the finish line.” We look forward to her leadership in forthcoming specials.

We hope that you enjoy this issue and its timely message.

Sincerely,

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