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#### **African-American Resource Center**

AARC is a resource center dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of faculty, staff, and students at the University of Pennsylvania with a particular focus on



those of African descent. Any person associated with the university may use our free and confidential services as needed.

# The Netter Center for Community Partnerships

@TheNetterCenter

Founded in 1992, the Barbara and Edward Netter Center for Community Partnerships is Penn's primary vehicle for bringing to bear the broad range of



human knowledge needed to solve the complex, comprehensive, and interconnected problems of the American city so that West Philadelphia (Penn's local geographic community), Philadelphia, the University itself, and society benefit.

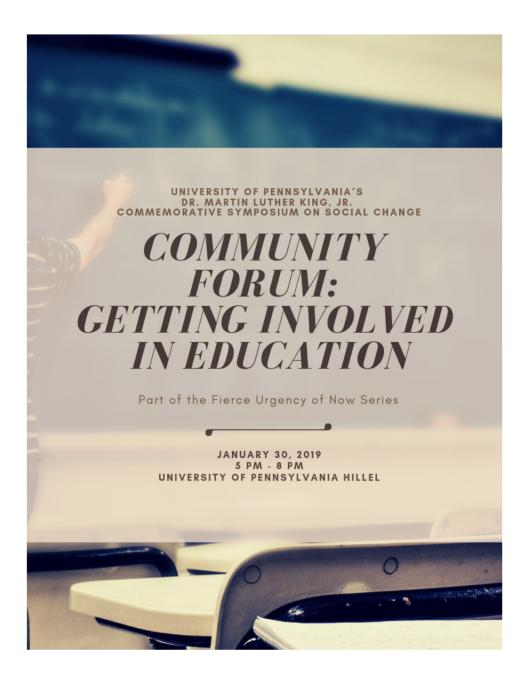
#### **PHENND**

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The Philadelphia Higher Education Network for Neighborhood Devel-

opment (PHENND) is a consortium of over 30 colleges and universities in the greater Philadelphia area. PHENND works to build the capacity of its member institutions to develop mutually beneficial, sustained, and democratic community-based service-learning partnerships. The consortium actively seeks to revitalize local communities and schools and foster civic responsibility among the region's colleges and universities.



#### **Program**

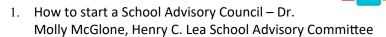
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## **Community Forum: Getting Involved in Education**

5:00 PM	Registration/Food
5:30 PM	University of Pennsylvania Welcome
	Valerie Allen, African American Resource Center
5:35 PM	Opening Remarks:
	Joann Mitchell, Senior Vice President for Institutional Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer, University of Penn- sylvania
	Mallory Fix-Lopez, School District of Philadelphia Board of Education
5:50 PM	Panel of Principals: Why Partnership Matters
	Shariff El-Mekki, Mastery Charter School
	Meredith Foote, Overbrook Educational Center
	Moderated by Dr. Ira Harkavy, Netter Center for Community Partnerships
6:45 PM	Break
7:00 PM	Table Discussions
	How to get involved in education moderated by community-based and nonprofit organizations
7:45 PM	Wrap-up
	Rep. James Roebuck (invited) and Hillary Kane, PHENND

#### **Table Discussions**

Continue the conversation and engage in a discussion about tangible steps you can take to become involved in support you local school.



- 2. How to advocate for students with special and exceptional needs Sabra Townsend, Parents United for Public Education <a href="https://parentsunitedphila.com/">https://parentsunitedphila.com/</a>
- How to better engage parents in your schools Stacey Scott, Manager of Education, Alliance for Progress Charter School http://www.afpcs.org/
- 4. How to engage youth in creating a healthier school Rebel Ventures with RV youth https://www.rvcrew.com/
- How to support parents to get engaged through leadership Pep Marie, Philly SUN (Schools Unifying Neighborhoods) <a href="https://mediamobilizing.org/phillysun/">https://mediamobilizing.org/phillysun/</a>
- 6. How to mobilize resources of colleges and universities Caitlin Fritz, PHENND
- How to engage with the School District Mallory Fix-Lopez, School District of Philadelphia Board of Education https://www.philasd.org/schoolboard/