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A Message from the School of Education Dean



Greetings and Happy Holidays to all of the Teacher Pipeline Project (TPP) Dual Enrollment Students. The TPP is an initiative to expose high school students to careers in education! It's also an initiative to increase the diversity of teachers in DC schools. I hope you will explore the possibility of becoming an educator---a teacher, a school leader, an education policymaker, a Chancellor!

Congratulations on your tremendous effort and resilience this semester. If you choose to apply to American University, please check out the [District Scholars Program](#). If you decide to attend American University and become an education major, please check out the [Teacher Pipeline Project](#), in addition to the aforementioned District Scholars Program.

Once again, congratulations on a successful "college" semester!

A Message from the Dual Enrollment Coordinator



Greetings TPP Dual Enrollment Students, I am really excited to work with you once again as your Faculty Coordinator. Welcome to American University's Dual Enrollment Program. This year will go down in history as one of the most challenging years ever. We know that you had hoped to be able to become AU students in person, and so we appreciate you remaining with us as virtual students through the semester. We appreciate your resilience, ability to do the extra work, participating and reaching out whenever you needed help and guidance. Thank you for choosing AU, and thank you for sticking with us. We hope to see many next semester.

A Message from the Dual Enrollment Faculty Members

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Dr. Traci Dennis



Congratulations on completing your first semester of college coursework! You all demonstrated critical thinking and active engagement with the course content. In addition, you made significant contributions to ensuring that your final group project presentations were comprehensive, informative and reflective. I also witnessed how well each of you worked with your group members taking leadership roles at times and being conscientious collaborators at other times.

I look forward to seeing you next semester in our Social Justice in Urban Education class where we will analyze how social inequality impacts education in schools in urban communities and examine how urban schools have served as vehicles of oppression and opportunity for social groups in our society.

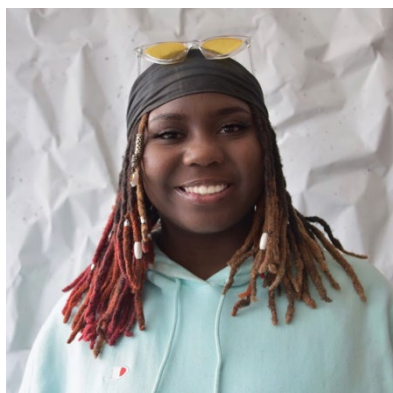
Have a relaxing and enjoyable Winter break and be proud of yourselves as we are so very proud of you!

Dr. Amaarah DeCuir



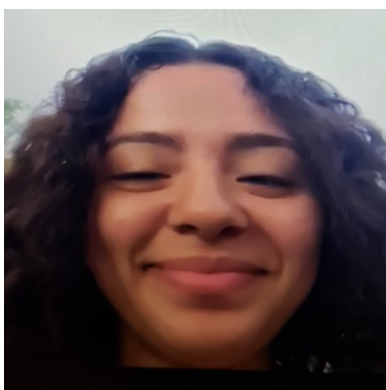
I enjoy teaching in the Dual Enrollment program because it offers me a chance to work with a group of dynamic high school students as they navigate their first semester in a college classroom. Each student brings their own dedication to success and hard work as they read, discuss, and write on a college-level. It is my hope that everything you learn in our classrooms shapes your commitment to education and your passion to change the world.

Meet the TPP Dual Enrollment Students



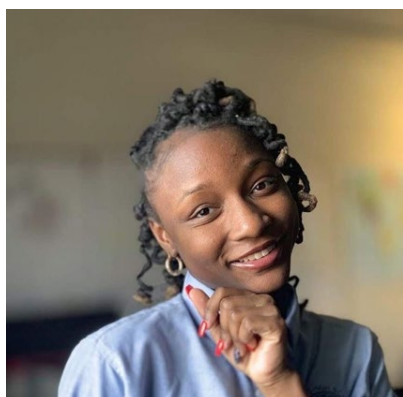
Meet Riley Campbell!

Riley Campbell (she/her) joins AU from Ballou High school. She is undecided in her field of study, but she is considering Education, or Hospitality and Tourism. Riley likes to tutor in her spare time, had has been working for three years at Reach Inc. She is also the author of two books, *Man Up!* and *Diarou's Not So Different*. She says her favorite experience at AU has been the opportunity to connect with her professor, Dr. Dennis, before classwork officially started. Welcome Riley!



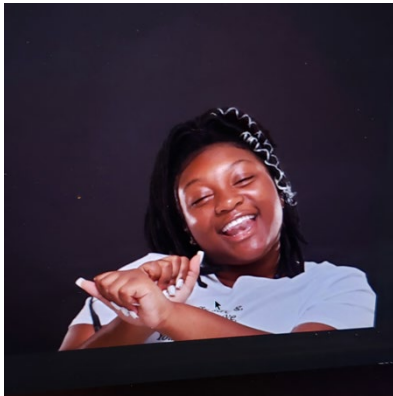
Meet Stephanie Enamorado!

Stephanie Enamorado (she/her) joins AU from Ballou High School. After high school, Stephanie hopes to pursue a career in Education. She spends her free time playing softball and soccer, and her favorite experience so far at AU has been meeting Dr. Fashola and Dr. Dennis. *"Everyone at AU makes you feel welcomed,"* says Stephanie. *"They give you lots of opportunities and they are very amazing."* Welcome Stephanie!



Meet Chanel Barbett!

Chanel Barbett (she/her) joins AU from Phelps Stokes High School. She participates in Volleyball at her high school and she is very excited to be a part of American University! *"I love that my teacher still helped me with the assignments that I did not understand and made me feel at home,"* says Chanel. *"My teacher that I had for the past two quarters, Dr. Dennis, has been nothing but helpful and very welcoming."* Welcome Chanel!



Meet Emon Thompson!

Emon Thompson (she/her) joins AU from Phelps Ace High School. At her school, she is involved in student government, and is the senior class treasurer at her school. *“One of my favorite moments at AU was to be introduced to a phenomenal teacher,”* says Emon, *“and being introduced to a coordinator and counselor and mentor through my dual enrollment process that has showed nothing but support! Thank you!”* Welcome Emon!



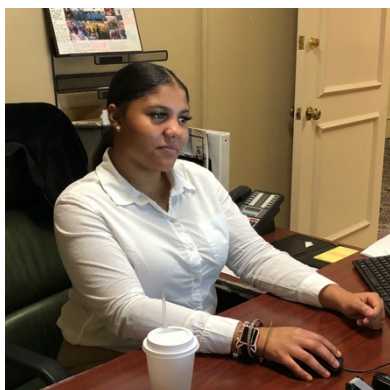
Meet McKenzie Barner!

McKenzie Barner (she/her) joins AU from Wilson High School. She currently works as the Style Editor for the School Newsletter, and enjoys her AP Environmental Science class. She says, *“For my most memorable experience, I would have to say that it was the final project where we created our own school because it was very interactive and allowed us to be creative and have control of what our dream school would look like.”* Welcome McKenzie!



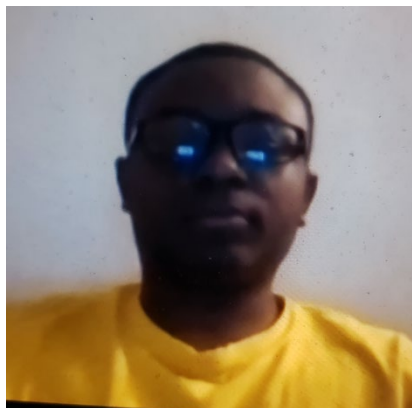
Meet Destiny Jackson!

Destiny Jackson (she/her) joins AU from Ballou High School. She enjoys AP classes, particularly AP English/Language, AP Anatomy, and AP DC History. Destiny also works as a tutor of 2nd and 4th graders at Reach Inc, and holds an internship at TBT hospital. Welcome Destiny!



Meet Taiyler Henderson-Thorpe!

Taiyler Henderson Thorpe (she/her) joins AU from Ballou. She is involved with cheer, softball, and holds an internship, in addition to taking AP English and AP History. Taiyler will also be taking AP Statistics next semester. Welcome Taiyler!



Meet Eric Terrell!

Eric Terrell (he/him) joins AU from Ballou High School. He performs in marching band, baseball, and student government. He also takes multiple AP classes, including AP English Literature, AP US Government, and AP Computer Science Principles. Eric wants to study Engineering. *“My favorite experience in AU is when I got to tell the story of my education for Dr. Dennis,”* he says. *“I chose AU because I felt like it had a lot of the qualities that I wanted in a university that would better prepare me for my future career.”* Eric is also interviewing for a Posse Foundation scholarship. Welcome Eric!



Meet Ruby Marshall!

Ruby Marshall (she/her) joins AU from Duke Ellington High School. She is in the Literary Media and Communications department at school, and takes AP Literature and AP Chemistry. She has also attended school in different states. *“My favorite moment at American University was creating my own school with a group for Schools and Society class,”* says Ruby. *“It was so interesting to hear about the lives of my international and out of state classmates, considering that I've lived in the DMV and New York my entire life. Meeting people with goals similar to mine despite having different backgrounds really inspired me to be more proactive about school reform.”* Welcome Ruby!

Newsmakers and Congratulations

A huge congratulations to all of our Dual Enrollment Students for completing the semester! Despite the challenges of COVID-19, all of our fellows have successfully completed their semester. We are so proud of all the work you did this semester.

Special Recognition to the following students:

- ⇒ Riley Campbell for the publication of her two books: *Man Up!* and *Diarou's Not So Different*.



- ⇒ Eric Terrell, for being chosen to interview for the Posse Foundation. We wish him the best. He has one more interview to go.
- ⇒ Emon Thompson, who has been appointed as the Richard England Boys and Girls Club House 14 Torch Club Secretary, and the BGCA Art Director's Assistant for the "Cast of All Stars dance group"
- ⇒ Taiyler Henderson-Thorpe, who will be taking AP Statistics next semester.

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Upcoming Events

December 2	Last Day of Classes
December 7-12	Final Exams
December 24	Winter Break Begins
January 6-7	Winter Orientation
January 15	American University Applications Due and FAFSA Applications Due
January 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 19	Spring Classes Begin
January 20	Inauguration Day; No Classes
February 1	Last Day to Add/Drop
TBD	Workshops