

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES SPRING 2024 SEMESTER

The Importance of Family and Community Partnership in Scholar Success

The African proverb “It takes a village to raise a child” is not just a phrase, it’s a fact when it comes to defining the support needed for every child to succeed in school. When families and community members are involved in scholar learning, academic performance improves, children as learners gain positive self-regard/confidence, attendance and behavior improves, and school staff gain an understanding of local needs.

***“To sow seeds of opportunity and access
so that others find their purpose.”***

- Sheria McRae



**Sheria McRae, CEO
Foundation Academies**

- Mrs. McRae started her career as a Teach for America Corps member in Newark, NJ. She joined the Family in 2010 as a 6th and 7th grade English teacher, then moved on to serve as Dean of Instruction.
- Mrs. McRae became the Middle School principal in 2013 and, in 2017, was named Foundation Academies’ Chief Academic Officer.
- In July 2022, she became CEO of Foundation Academies.
- Mrs. McRae holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Howard University in Washington, DC, a Master of Arts in School Counseling from Montclair State University, and a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Administration and Supervision from National Louis University.

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