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A Warm HOOD HELLO!

This Fall we welcomed Cohort 11 to Hood College's Doctoral Program in Organizational Leadership! This group brings professionalism, fresh perspectives, and big questions. We look forward to supporting their growth as scholars, learning from their experiences, and celebrating their milestones. Here's to meaningful connections, spirited debates, and the day "Dr." becomes part of your introduction. We're glad you're here!

Rising Higher



Doctors in Waiting

After successfully passing their comprehensive exams, 12 scholar-practitioners were recognized on September 26 for advancing to candidacy in the Doctoral Program in Organizational Leadership.

Their dedication and perseverance have brought them one step closer to their doctoral dreams—and we couldn't be more proud! Join us in congratulating our newest doctoral candidates:

COHORT 9

Joanna Eaton
Tanith Fowler Corsi
Quiera Harris
Judea Hill
Kevin Hoover
Mitchel Jackson
Clarivel Jones
Rashida Kimbrue
Zachary Roberson
Omega Tawonezvi
Jose Umpierre
Berri Wells

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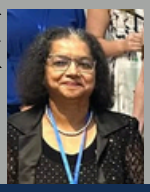
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Student, Alumni, and Faculty Achievements





DoGood-er Awardees Doing Great Things

Doing good looks good on Hood! We're #HoodProud of **Dr. Anita Jose**, a nominee for the Education DoGood-er Award, and **Mitchel Jackson**, recognized in the Military category at the 11th Annual DoGood-er Awards. Held October 8, 2026, in Frederick County, Maryland, the event gave the Hood community two more reasons to cheer. Join us in celebrating them both!



The Shifted Woman Breast Cancer Awareness Brunch

Strength, survivorship, and community took center stage at The Shifted Woman Breast Cancer Awareness Brunch on October 11, 2026, at Hood College's Whitaker Campus Center. The event was hosted by author, breast cancer survivor and **Cohort 8** member **Charmyra E. Fleming.** This gathering celebrated women impacted by breast cancer while spotlighting education, advocacy, and the power of connection.



The Hand Off: One DBA to Another

Congratulations to Dr. Rebekah Collogan, who recently earned her DBA She will assume the role of President and CEO of Phoenix Mecano, North America, succeeding program alum Dr. Philip Brown, whose legacy sets the stage for an exciting new chapter.

From dissertations to big decisions, our alumni are putting leadership into action. Now that's a degree of impact worth celebrating!

Dr. Rania Radwan started a new role as Assistant Teaching Professor at the Department of Business Analytics and Technology Management, Towson University.

Dr. Smita Padmanabhan joined as Assistant Professor at College of Business, City University, Ajman.

Dr. Eric Louérs-Phillips published a chapter "We are our History: How Self-Reflection on Identities Informs Teaching" in the book "Learning Through George Washington: A Guide for Educators, Students, and Citizens".

Drs. Meagan Prophet, Rania Radwan, and Smita Padmanabhan presented their original research at the Asian Academy of Human Resources Development in Tokyo, Japan.

Learn & Be Seen









Members of ***Cohort 9*** in LEAD 699: Global Leadership with **Dr. Manikoth** expanded their learning internationally. **Tanith Fowler-Corsi** presented at the 4th International Conference on Leadership, Culture, and Talent Management in Milan, Italy. **Judea Hill, Mitchel Jackson, Clarivel Jones, Zach Roberson, Omega Tawonezvi, and Berri Wells** presented at the 25th Asian Academy of Human Resource Development Research Conference in Tokyo, Japan.

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Lift your Spirits



Saturday, Dec 5 | 12:00 - 1:30 pm during lunch
Conference Room

As the semester wraps up, let's gather to celebrate how far we've come, together. Pull out your favorite festive sweater or coziest pajamas, bring a dish to share, and join us for good food, great company, and memories in the making. Sign up to bring a dish

Cohort Superlatives: Submit your votes by Saturday, November 28. Who's most likely to vote last? Don't let it be you! 👀 [Vote here]

Thank You

Thank you for reading this first edition of *The Lift!*

This newsletter is designed for students, alumni, faculty, and partners whose work, curiosity, and care make this community what it is. We want this newsletter to be the place to share news that lifts us up!

Leadership happens in classrooms, boardrooms, and gatherings. It is strengthened when we lift each other up.

This is a shared space, so tell us what to lift up next! Send your accomplishments, opportunities, and events to doctoralprogramdol@hood.edu.

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