

A Panel Discussion: Black Faculty and Staff Mentoring Students for Leadership

By Selena T. Rodgers and Tiffany Cudjoe

On February 26, 2013, Black Studies Coordinator Dr. Michele Gregory invited Tiffany Cudjoe to-moderate the seven-panel discussion (part of a larger project) with her mentor, Dr. Selena T. Rodgers (assistant professor of Social Work and member of African American Studies Resource Center). Panel discussants included York College faculty and staff from diverse disciplines (Black studies, Business and Economics, Cultural Diversity, English, Gerontology/Health & Physical Education, History, Teacher's Education, Political Science, Performing and Fine Arts, Sociology, Social work). The interactive network provided a great opportunity for the estimated 45 students, faculty and staff participants to discuss successful examples of leadership and mentoring ideology of Black Pillars in Higher Education at York College of the City University of New York.



York College/CUNY Panelist l to r: **Dr. Charlene Lane** (Assistant Professor, Gerontology and Health Education), **Dr. Lindamichele Baron** (Chair and Assistant Professor, Teacher Education), **Professor Parthenia Brown** (Adjunct Assistant Professor, Social Work and York Early College Academy), **Dr. Michele Gregory** (Associate Professor and Coordinator, Sociology and Black Studies), **Dr. George White** (Associate Professor, History), **Professor Andrew Jackson - Sekou Molefi Baako** (Adjunct Lecturer, Black Studies and Cultural Diversity) and **Mr. Michel Hodge** (Executive Director of Enrollment Management/Adjunct Lecturer, Business and Economics). Not in photo: **Professor Anthony D. Andrews** (Assistant Director, Student Activities and Campus Program), **Dr. Charles Coleman** (Associate Professor, English), **Ms. Dawn A. Hewitt** (Director, Office of Research & sponsored Programs) and **Professor Jonathan Quash** (Director, York College Gospel Chorus, Women's Center and York College Male Initiative Program - part of the City University of New York's Black Male Initiative Program; Instructor, Department of Performing and Fine Arts and Department of Adult and Continuing Education)