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Local Educator Selected as Emerging Leader

EASLEY, SC—Lamont Flowers, distinguished professor of educational leadership and the executive director of the Charles H. Houston Center at Clemson University, has been recognized as an Emerging Leader by PDK International, a leading association of education professionals.

In his career, Flowers has been an assistant professor and associate professor in the Student Personnel in Higher Education Program and associate director of the Institute of Higher Education, all at the University of Florida; a visiting scholar at Educational Testing Service; a visiting assistant professor at Indiana University's Center for Postsecondary Research; and a high school teacher. He has presented at national conferences and authored many articles and book chapters, as well as writing grants.

“The mission of the Charles H. Houston Center for the Study of the Black Experience in Education is to examine and address critical issues in education that impact African Americans at all levels of the educational system in the state of South Carolina and throughout the United States,” Flowers said. “By serving as the executive director, I have been able to conduct extensive research and share my findings with educators and organizations regarding the African American experience and education, diversity issues in education, and organizational theory and administrative behavior issues in education.”

A committee made up of PDK's past Emerging Leaders selected the 20 honorees from a competitive field of applicants.

“The 20 members of the 2008-09 Class of Emerging Leaders embody the PDK tenets of leadership, research, and service,” said William Bushaw, PDK's executive director. “They represent the best of the profession.”

For more information on PDK's 2008-09 Class of Emerging Leaders, including podcast interviews with the honorees, go to www.pdkemergingleaders.org. Information about PDK International is at www.pdkintl.org.