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Assistant Professor in the College of Education at University of Iowa Selected as Emerging Leader

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Malik S. Henfield, an assistant professor in the rehabilitation and counselor education department in the College of Education at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa, has been selected as an Emerging Leader by PDK International, a global association of education professionals.

The PDK Emerging Leaders program recognizes top educators under age 40 from across the globe for their leadership and vision in the field of education. A review committee composed of past PDK Emerging Leaders selected this year's 18 honorees from a competitive field of applicants, based on their outstanding professional accomplishments.

In addition to being honored at the 2012 PDK International Conference, honorees also have the opportunity to be published by PDK, apply for grants, and participate in PDK initiatives.

"Recognizing the achievements and commitment of these young leaders is vital to PDK's vision of cultivating tomorrow's great educators," said William J. Bushaw, PDK International's executive director. "These inspiring individuals will provide a very bright future for the field of education."

Henfield is one of the few U.S. scholars to publish multiple manuscripts and deliver national, regional, and state keynote addresses on topics related to urban education, gifted education, multicultural counseling, and the achievement gap. He has devoted his work to presenting counter-narratives designed to dispel the negative portrayal of African Americans in public discourse.

"Chief among my professional goals is a deeply rooted desire to change the widely held perception of African American males as incapable of achieving high levels of academic and professional success," Henfield said.

His mentoring both inside and outside of the classroom garnered Henfield the 2010 Deanna Hawes Outstanding Mentor Award from the North Central Association for Counselor Education and Supervision. In 2011, he was recognized for his efforts in the field with the 'Ohana Award for Social Justice from the Counselors for Social Justice as well as the Audrey Qualls Commitment to Diversity Award from the University Of Iowa College Of Education.

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