National Fellowship for Education Leaders of Color Welcomes 2019 Bay Area Cohort

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The Surge Institute officially began serving Bay Area communities in January 2018 with the opening of their west coast office and kickoff of an inaugural Oakland Surge Fellowship. The inaugural cohort consisted of eleven equity-minded African American, Latinx and Asian/Pacific Islander emerging education leaders.

The eleven leaders selected for the 2019 cohort will begin a year-long fellowship program next month. The program grooms emerging diverse talent, empowering them to change the landscape of education by providing them with unique leadership development experiences.

“What I love about Surge’s vision is that it’s not just focused on developing my capacity in my role, but it’s about equipping me to transform the education ecosystem alongside other educational leaders … equipping us for widespread impact,” shared 2019 Surge Oakland Fellow, Janelle Bailey, Interim Site Director/Academic Affairs Director at College Track.

The following is a list of the 2019 Oakland Surge Fellows:

- Adanta Ahanonu, Site Director, Year Up
- Janelle Bailey, Interim Site Director/Academic Affairs Director, College Track
- Paul Fields, Site Director, College Track
- Roilyn Graves, Program Specialist, Envision Education
- Ty-licia Hooker, Executive Director, Boost! West Oakland and Stockton Success and Leadership Academy
- Taica Hsu, Co-Director of Mentoring, Trellis Education
- Sanam Jorjani, Co-Director, Oakland Literacy Coalition
- Jayo Miko Macasaquit, HR & Operations Manager, Oakland Public Education Fund
- Kyra Mungia, Education Project Director, Office of Mayor Schaaf, Oakland Promise
- Zakir Parpia, Director of Fiscal Partnerships, California School-Age Consortium
- Dulce Torres-Petty, Brilliant Baby Program Coordinator, Office of Mayor Schaaf, Oakland Promise

The Surge Fellowship program provides fellows with executive skill training, leadership development and a space for connection; and in doing so equips fellows with the tools and networks needed to facilitate transformative change within institutions and organizations serving youth and communities of color. Graduating fellows become part of an elite and growing national network of Surge Alumni. In 2018 there will be over 80 Surge Fellowship Alumni leading change in cities across the US.

“I’m inspired by Surge’s investment in leaders of color and I'm excited to build on my experience through the intentional, accelerated leadership development of the Surge Fellowship in a network of African American,
Latinx, and Asian-Pacific Islander educators," Bailey concluded.

About Surge Institute
The Surge Institute, a non-profit organization geared toward prioritizing the need for diversity in education leadership, founded by Carmita Semaan in 2014. Surge is largely funded by individual donors as well as several philanthropic organizations, including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Chan-Zuckerberg Initiative and New Profit.

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