

The Center for Advancing Opportunity Awards the Minority Achievement, Creativity and High Ability (MACH-III) Center at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) a \$90,000 Grant

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PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas – The Minority Achievement, Creativity and High Ability (MACH-III) Center at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) has been awarded a \$90,000 grant to support two of our signature initiatives– the *Building on Resilience Lecture Series* and the *Framing and Maintaining a Research Agenda Institute*. This one-year grant was awarded by the Thurgood Marshall College Fund’s Center for Advancing Opportunity (CAO), an initiative supported by grants from the Charles Koch Foundation and Koch Industries.

The *Building on Resilience Lecture Series* highlights the research of authors shared in Dr. Fred A. Bonner II’s edited volume *Building on Resilience*, a text noted as being “a much needed and important resource on how to advance the success of Black males in education” as well as scholars whose research is synergistic with the mission of the MACH-III Center. The Spring 2020 Building on Resilience Lecture held on February 13, 2020, featured Dr. John N. Singer, associate dean for diversity and inclusion and associate professor in the Division of Sport Management at Texas A&M University. Dr. Singer’s thought-provoking presentation was titled *Black Male Excellence and Resilience in and through College Sport*.

The *Framing and Maintaining a Research Agenda Institute* focuses on the steps necessary to frame and maintain an active research agenda, particularly in the HBCU context. From developing a researchable topic to revising and resubmitting a peer-reviewed publication, understanding the complexities of navigating the research terrain is key. Two Institutes will be scheduled for this summer.

The principal investigator for this initiative is Dr. Fred A. Bonner, II professor and endowed chair in the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling and founding executive director of the Minority Achievement, Creativity and High Ability Center. Dr. Bonner is an accomplished scholar in the field of education and research. His research examines gifted African American males, Millennials, and African Americans in STEM.

“We are grateful to Gerard Robinson and the Thurgood Marshall College Fund’s Center for Advancing Opportunity for supporting the MACH-III Center,” said Dr. Fred A. Bonner II. “Both the Building on Resilience Lecture Series and the Framing and Maintaining a Research Agenda Institutes provide us with a platform to disseminate best practices to support diverse populations across the P-20 spectrum and beyond into workplace contexts.”

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About the Center for Advancing Opportunity (CAO)

The Center for Advancing Opportunity (CAO), headquartered in Washington, DC, is a research and education initiative borne out of a partnership between the Thurgood Marshall College Fund, the Charles Koch Foundation, and Koch Industries. CAO supports students and faculty members at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) as well as other institutions by developing research-based solutions to the most pressing issues in fragile communities.

For more information about CAO, visit www.advancingopportunity.org.

About the Minority Achievement, Creativity, and High-Ability (MACH-III) Center

The mission of the Minority Achievement, Creativity, and High-Ability Center (MACH-III) is to produce cutting-edge best-practices and scholarship that will speak to the contemporary issues impacting critical populations: administration, faculty, and students across the P-20 spectrum and beyond into workplace contexts.

For more information about MACH-III Center, visit <http://www.pvamu.edu/mach-iiicenter/>.