

Diversity Project 2000 and Beyond (DP2kB) Psychology for a Global Community

Diversity Project 2000 and Beyond (DP2kB) is a leadership and mentoring program designed for ethnic minority honor students attending community colleges. The mission of DP2kB is to encourage ethnic minority honor students at the community college level to become professional psychologists in the areas of practice, education and/or research. DP2kB was inspired by the sustained health disparity in psychology and the paucity of psychologists of color.

The Diversity Project 2000 and beyond Summer Institute occurs two days prior to and two days during the American Psychological Association (APA) convention and, depending upon the availability of funding, offers full grants for out-of-state students and partial grants for local students admitted into the program.

The program has been highly successful as evidenced by the student achievements and comments provided below:

Dr. Tawa Witko, DP2kB alumna, 1994

“DP2kB changed my life and transformed me from a community college student to a PsyD level psychologist who is actively serving the American Indian community.”

Tawa M. Witko, PsyD, an Oglala Sioux, received her doctorate in clinical psychology, from the California School of Professional Psychology at Los Angeles. She is currently working for the United American Indian Involvement, Inc. in Los Angeles, where she provides individual and family counseling for urban Indians in addition to running the new domestic violence and sexual assault program (*National Pathways to Healing*). Dr. Witko served as Co-Director for DP2kB and was adjunct faculty at Fullerton Community College.

Dr. Orville Jackson, DP2kB alumnus, 1994

“I can’t describe what DP2kB did for me other than to say WOW. I met psychologists of color from all the country and I knew I wanted to become one of them. DP2kB inspired me to pursue a career in physiological psychology.”

Orville Jackson received his PhD from Harvard University in Physiological Psychology.

Sonali Gonzalez, DP2kB alumna, 2001

“I’m in my third year of serving as the Co-Director for DP2kB. This program has taught me what it means to be a leader and to mentor students of color who are interested in becoming professional psychologists.”

Sonali Gonzalez is a graduate student in the Master of Arts program in Community Counseling at Northern Arizona University. In addition, she is an Early Interventionist for Early Head Start in Phoenix, AZ where she works with infants, toddlers, and pregnant women who live in poverty. Sonali plans to enroll in a doctoral program in community counseling next fall where she hopes to gain the training and experience necessary to become a clinical psychologist.

Student participants can place the following on their curriculum vita:

Grant recipient to *Diversity Project 2000 and Beyond*, a national leadership and mentoring program co-sponsored by the American Psychological Association's Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs, the APA Education Directorate, and Psi Beta.

DP2kB alumni have the opportunity to apply to co-direct the program after obtaining their advanced degrees in psychology.

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