

AFE University Faculty Fellows

Academy of Faculty Enrichment | Virginia State University

Leadership Faculty Fellow

Dr. Shandra Cain

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Project Title: VSU Leadership Advancement Network for Educators (L.A.N.E.)

Dr. Shandra Cain has been selected as the Leadership Fellow for the Academy of Faculty Enrichment (AFE) Faculty Fellows Program. Her project, VSU Leadership Advancement Network for Educators (L.A.N.E.), will establish a comprehensive leadership development initiative designed to strengthen faculty leadership capacity while advancing institutional growth through strategic partnerships and fundraising. The initiative will provide leadership development workshops, mentorship opportunities, and career pathway guidance for faculty at all career stages while integrating advancement literacy into professional development programming. A key component of the project, the College Advancement Partnership Program (CAPP), will equip faculty and administrators with the knowledge and tools needed to cultivate external partnerships, engage donors, and align academic priorities with funding opportunities. Through collaboration with the Academy of Faculty Enrichment and the Office of Institutional Advancement, the initiative will expand leadership opportunities, strengthen interdisciplinary networks, increase fundraising capacity, and support the long-term advancement of Virginia State University.