

# Carney, Sandoe & Associates presents The Well

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Dr. Howard Stevenson** is the Constance Clayton Professor of Urban Education, Professor of Africana Studies, in the Human Development & Quantitative Methods Division of the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania. He is the Executive Director of the Racial Empowerment Collaborative, a center for research and intervention development that brings together community leaders, researchers, authority figures, families, and youth to promote racial literacy and health in families, schools and neighborhoods.



**Dr. Tekakwitha Pernambuco-Wise** has presented at numerous national and international conferences on topics such as online/blended learning, leadership, governance, boarding school life, school transformation, inclusion and full-service schools. She was a faculty member of NAIS' Fellowship for Aspiring School Heads for 6 years and is currently on the faculty of THN's Women in Leadership Seminar. She has served on the Boards of Trinity School (CA), Archbishop Mitty High School (CA) and THN. She is the Secretary of the NAIS Board and serves on the board of PAIS.



**Dr. George James**, LMFT speaks, counsels, consults, coaches, and teaches people how to overcome everyday relational struggles to build successful connections in love, family, and career. With a practical approach to relationships and life, Dr. James helps bring success within reach of those he influences. He works extensively with professional athletes, entertainers, adult men & women, and young adult women and men on various issues including adulting, parenting, love life, leadership, career, and work-life balance. He is also known for his work as a media consultant.

## FACULTY



**Ken Aldridge** is the Head of School at Wilmington Friends School and a 30-year educator in independent schools. Before being appointed as Head, Ken began his career at Wilmington Friends as the Assistant Head for Academics and International Baccalaureate (IB) Coordinator. As an active Quaker, Ken serves as a trustee for Friends Council on Education and is a former trustee of the Kendal System. He serves on the boards of the Association of Delaware Valley Independent Schools (ADVIS), Independent School Data Exchange (INDEX), and the College of Wooster. Ken also recently served as a faculty member for the National Association of Independent School's (NAIS) Aspiring Heads Fellowship program.



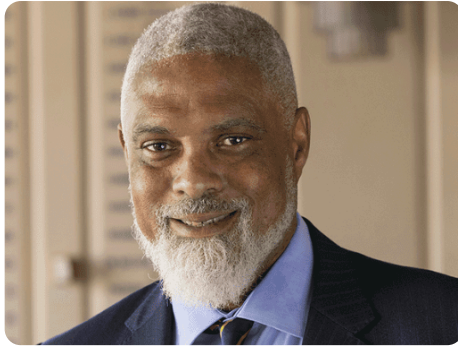
**Crissy Cáceres**, a 27-year veteran in independent education, is in her fifth year as the proud head of Brooklyn Friends School. Currently, she serves as a Trustee for the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) Board. She also sits on the Board of the New York State Association of Independent Schools (NYSAIS) and the Caedmon School and is a commissioner on the New York State Association Commission on Accreditation. She was a long-time member of Call to Action, an NAIS think-tank devoted to social justice efforts nationwide, and she is currently on her 17th year as a faculty member at the NAIS Diversity Leadership Institute.



**Katherine Dinh** has been the Head of Marin Country Day School in Corte Madera, California since July 2019. Prior to that, she was the Head of Prospect Sierra School in El Cerrito, California from 2007-2019. She has 30 years' experience in various school settings and locations. Katherine started out as an English teacher, then as co-founder of a charter school in Boston. Katherine has served as Chair of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) Board. She has also served as Co-Chair of The Principals' Center at Harvard University Graduate School of Education, President of the Heads Collegiate Forum, and she serves on the Executive Committee of the Educational Records Bureau (ERB) Board.



**Ayanna Hill-Gill**, affectionately known as Yanni, is an accomplished educator and leader with extensive experience in independent schools. Yanni has held several leadership positions, including serving as Head of School at Purnell School in New Jersey and Atlanta Girls' School in Georgia- where she was actively involved in promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in education, having integrated anti-bias work into school culture and curriculum and increasing the diversity of student and staff populations. Yanni works with individual school leaders as an executive coach and, as President of ADVIS, works with Boards of schools on governance and best practices.



**Darryl J. Ford** joined CS&A as Vice President of Education Leadership Services, after three decades of leadership in independent schools. In addition to leading executive searches, Darryl helps advance new initiatives to support leaders through transition, mentor and train aspiring leaders, and advance the social impact for educators and students across a wide range of educational organizations. Most recently, Darryl served as Head of School at the William Penn Charter School in Philadelphia from 2007-2023. Darryl's former roles include serving for 10 years as the Director of Middle School at Penn Charter as well as Head and Executive Director of St. Gregory's Episcopal School in Chicago.



**Mark E. Reed** previously served as the Head of School at Charlotte Country Day from 2009 to 2021. Prior to Country Day, he served as the Assistant Head of School at St. John's in Houston. His roles included teacher, coach, dean of students, and interim director of advancement. In addition, he currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the following organizations: New Republic Bank, Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS), Foundation for the Carolinas, The Good Fellows Club, and Atrium Health. He is also a member of the highly regarded Headmasters Association and the National Merit Scholarship Advisory Council. Reed is also a field professor and serves on the Board of Advisors for the Klingenstein Center, Columbia University.

## ADDITIONAL CARNEY, SANDOE & ASSOCIATES CONTRIBUTORS



**Heather Flewelling**  
Chief Talent Officer



**Madeleine Maceda Heide**  
Senior Consultant



**Cathy Shelburne**  
Senior Consultant & Coach



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Practice Leader - DEIB Consulting Services



**Donisha Thaxton**  
Senior Placement Counselor

