



SERVICE LEARNING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION

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**EXPERIENCE UGA AMBASSADOR PROGRAM BUILDING
TRANSFORMATIONAL COMMUNITY LEADERS THROUGH
SERVICE-LEARNING**

ABSTRACT:

This workshop will introduce an innovative, university-wide campus/community engagement program called Experience UGA. The unique field trip program brings over 7,000 students from the local school district to campus each year for a hands-on, curricular-based experiences. Participants in this session can expect to get a deeper understanding of the overall field trip program, and gain insight into the challenges and opportunities of a large-scale K-12 collaboration. Participants will also learn about our ambassador program and the innovative curriculum that prepares college students to serve and support these experiential learning opportunities local school children.

**THEMATIC FOCUS: LEARNING THE CHORDS | SURPRISING
COLLABORATIONS**

BIO(S):

AIYANNA EGINS

Aiyana Eginns serves as the program coordinator for Experience UGA where she oversees the programs' outreach efforts and facilitation of educational field trips for over 12,000+ students in the Clarke County School District on UGA's campus. She holds a B.A from Wesleyan College in Music and is currently pursuing a master's and certification in Music Therapy at UGA. Prior to this role, Aiyana has worked for two non-profits in Georgia focused on providing housing and employment for youth. While also serving as a volunteer for Girls Inc, the American Cancer Society, and National Diabetes Association. Aiyana started her own organization, You Go Girl

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Enterprises in 2017, to cultivate confidence in young women through social media, events, and seminars. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and taking part in events centered around instilling confidence in youth.

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