

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION Equity, Diversity, Justice and Inclusion Fund (EDJI Fund)

At the Graduate School of Education, we recognize our unique role and collective responsibility in contributing to systemic change. We will continue to take a stand—and take action—as we lead the way in transforming lives in Buffalo and far beyond.

This new fund-dedicated to equity, diversity, justice and inclusion-will provide resources to GSE programs, research and other initiatives that combat racism, inequality and educational injustice. With your support, we will build upon our deep, multifaceted commitment to creating stronger communities and a more just world for all.

HERE IS HOW WE BRING OUR CORE VALUES TO LIFE

The EDJI Fund will bolster our ongoing response to social unrest—and provide the flexibility required to quickly address emerging needs—through a broad array of programs and initiatives, including:

- Guest speakers who engage with the GSE community as they share their expertise and insight
- Workshops that challenge preconceived notions while educating and empowering students and the community
- Professional development for our faculty and staff who are shaping the next generation of professional educators
- Additional programmatic initiatives throughout GSE, as well as programs that benefit students, faculty, staff, alumni and communities worldwide

The EDJI Fund will complement related efforts throughout GSE, including our dynamic research, community engagement, and ongoing mission to attract and support diverse students, faculty and staff.

THE POWER OF YOUR INVESTMENT

At the Graduate School of Education, we are fully committed to diversity, equity, justice and inclusion, but we cannot do this work alone. We depend on generous donors to support our work and extend our impact—here in Western New York, around the globe, and across countless future generations. Your support will inspire our students, strengthen our school, and create much-needed change throughout our community. We ask you to take action, stand with us and make a gift to combat these critical issues. "I believe it is morally incumbent upon each of us to do our individual and collective part in helping to address and dismantle both individual ideology and institutional structures that contribute to continued and persistent inequality in our schools and injustice within society at large."

- Suzanne Rosenblith, PhD, Dean and Professor

The EDJI Fund will support programs like the Teach-In for Racial Equity, a two-day virtual event that featured 80-plus sessions exploring systematic racism and violence against Black people.

