

October 27, 2023 | ARTF Meeting

Attendees: Lorette Oden, Carl Ervin, Katy Valentin, LeRon Williams, Jeff Hamer, Alisha Looney, Andrea Henderson, Fiifi Godwyll

In terms of the community, Tennessee is a very contentious state, they are still arguing over whether the confederate statue should have come down. The answer is not easy, and it's a question we ask ourselves daily. We may never find a true answer, but the main approach is to get our students out into the community. Another thing we did is focusing on who we are partnering with. If they don't want to come to our area, we partner with some of the richer communities so we are out there even more. We also partnered with churches (using our chapel choir) (we would also have students just come out and sit in services.

In terms of students, they may not know what the etiquette is to be a student, so we had certain faculty and staff on campus that would mentor students (sometimes it worked and sometimes it didn't) But as the students moved through, these faculty became
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We would have the students go through an interview process then go volunteer at a daycare. We also saw the African American student community do a food festival and though it was small at first, we saw it growing over time. Then we would go out and bring the media to our events, whether it was student media or local media. We have a partnership with some elementary and high school art programs. (both predominantly white and black schools) Some of these ideas came from the President's office, some of it came from FYE, others came from individual faculty and staff. So we started realizing that starting young could encourage

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- College Chapter of the NAACP meeting - MCC Multipurpose Room 5-7 PM tonight
- President Huang and the Mayor's address was good, but the ARTF plans to be more specific and provide more specific calls to action for students.