



The Mississippi Excellence in Coaching Fellowship

Building coaching skills to foster leadership, emotional learning, and resilience.

The Mississippi Excellence in Coaching Fellowship will consist of two cohorts of 20-25 coaches that will gather 10 times over the course of an academic calendar year to attend single-day sessions focused on the following:

Developing and designing curriculum that fosters leadership development on teams throughout an entire year.

Developing the skill set to create tools that aid in social emotional learning.

Exploring ways to foster a culture of achievement and resilience that carries over to the academic side.

Meet the facilitators



Dr. Hunter Taylor is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the School of Education at the University of Mississippi. Before making the leap into academia, Taylor spent 10 years as a men's basketball coach on the college, high school, middle school, and international levels. He holds degrees from the University of Texas, the University of Mississippi, and Baylor University. Taylor has two upcoming books set to release in 2022. The first, *How to Build a Thick Institution*, is a reflection on him and Chris Cutcliffe's work of redesigning Oxford High School's football program, and the second, *Draw the Line*, is a non-fiction story about the impact a high school football staff made over the course of 20 years in a rural East Texas community. Named a Presidential Leadership Scholar by the Bush Institute and Clinton Foundation in 2018, Taylor is also co-host of The Coach & Doc Podcast, which aims to share best coaching and leadership practices with its listeners.



Dr. Eric Mayes is the new Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Lawrence University, and is the former founding Executive Director of the University of Arkansas's Academy for Educational Equity. Prior to his most recent administrative work, he was an Assistant Professor in the School of Education at Johns Hopkins University, where the faculty was ranked number one in the country by U.S. News and World Report, and also served as the defensive line coach for the Centennial Conference champion football team. The former walk-on turned captain of the University of Michigan's 1997 national championship football team, who is still famous for making President Bill Clinton an honorary "Michigan Man" on the team's White House visit, holds two degrees from the University of Michigan, one from Harvard University, and one from Howard University. Mayes began his career as a high school technology teacher and linebacker coach in Detroit.