

Candace C. Moore

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Jakes Divinity School

Outstanding Student Award

Student Biography and Testimony

As an Early Childhood Educator and advocate for women’s healing, Ms. Candace C. Moore is driven to become a successful business leader and entrepreneur in the marketplace. This aspiration led her to pursue an Executive Master of Business Administration degree at Jakes Divinity School. Since 2016, she has felt a divine calling from the Lord to guide youth in the intricacies of Social-Emotional Learning. Prior to her roles as a Counselor, Director, and Teacher across various educational institutions—including private, public, and independent schools—she recognized the divine purpose imbued within her to educate youth. Her journey is deeply rooted in her formative experiences as an elementary school student, a supportive sibling and cousin, and a granddaughter, all of which have illuminated her path toward empowering women’s healing journeys.

She graduated from one of the top five performing arts high schools in the nation: Baltimore School for the Arts, and in her junior year, she was honored with the prestigious NAACP ACT-SO Achievement Award in Dance. While pursuing her undergraduate degree at the esteemed University of the Arts in Philadelphia, Candace maintained an impressive 3.5 GPA and showcased her talent through lead acting roles in upperclassmen performances and at professional theaters locally. Her career as a performing artist serves as a catalyst, igniting the importance of social-emotional learning for future generations of youth. With a vision to make a

tangible difference, she aims to expand her innovative business idea—a distinguished STEAM-based preschool curriculum—making it accessible and practical for underserved children in marginalized communities. Recognizing that the first five years of a child’s life create an impetus for success, Ms. Moore, currently a dedicated pre-school teacher within the Dallas Independent School District, is committed to leaving a lasting impact on education, not only within the local Dallas community but also extending her influence beyond.

As a Pentecostal woman, Candace plans to add her spiritual wisdom into the marketplace through ministry by remaining steadfast in her mission to emphasize the positivity in women's healing journeys, even amidst the most challenging moments. Through her digital community, Positively, Healed., she shares her testimony of how God delivered her from overwhelming transgressions. She hopes that her story of deliverance will serve as a source of inspiration, motivating other women to align with God’s intention for their lives.

For Candace, the journey to and through graduate school has been an exquisite yet tumultuous ride. She is deeply thankful for being awarded the 2024 Innovative Leader Scholarship, and being recognized as an Outstanding Student fills her with gratitude. Candace is eager to continue her academic pursuits at Jakes Divinity School, poised to emerge as a dynamic leader at the intersection of ministry and the marketplace.