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Suffolk University Assistant Professor Selected as Emerging Leader

ARLINGTON, Va.—Tryan L. McMickens, an assistant professor in the Master of Education in Administration of Higher Education Program at Suffolk University, has been recognized as an Emerging Leader by PDK International, a global association of education professionals.

The PDK Emerging Leader program recognizes top educators under age 40 from around the world for their leadership. A committee made up of PDK's past Emerging Leaders selected the 22 honorees from a competitive field of applicants, based on their outstanding professional accomplishments. In addition to being honored at an event in Washington, D.C., honorees also have the opportunity to be published by PDK, apply for grants, and participate in PDK initiatives.

"Honoring these young leaders is one of PDK's most important initiatives," said William J. Bushaw, PDK International's executive director. "We know the future of education is in good hands with leaders like these making a difference in the lives of our students."

McMickens is the 2012 PDK Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award winner for his research on how historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) prepare their students for cross-racial, post-collegiate environments. He received a \$5,000 award from the PDK Educational Foundation and his work was published in the *Kappan* magazine (See: Vol. 93, No. 8), the nation's leading magazine on education policy and practice.

"I am most passionate about creating equitable conditions for all students to succeed in higher education." McMickens said.

His research and teaching broadly examine race in educational and social contexts and undergraduate student development. At Suffolk University, he mentors and advises students in the graduate program in administration of higher education. At the University of Pennsylvania, he co-founded the first collective student of color education organization, and served as the assistant director of the National Black Male College Achievement Study and assistant director of the Grad Prep Academy.

For more information on PDK's 2012-2013 Class of Emerging Leaders, go to www.pdkemergingleaders.org.

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