

## Vyas Appointed to National Advisory Council for NCORE

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Yashwant Prakash Vyas, director of the Aulbani J. Beauregard Center for Equity, Justice, and Freedom at the University of New Hampshire has been appointed to the National Advisory Council (NAC) for the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education (NCORE).

NCORE serves as the leading national forum on issues of race and ethnicity in higher education. The annual conference creates space for individuals and campus teams to work collaboratively under the guidance, tutelage and expertise of recognized and effective scholars, practitioners and change makers. NCORE provides a significant forum for critical dialogue, collaboration,

professional development and for the exchange of technical guidance and resources as institutions of higher education search for effective strategies to enhance access, social development, education, positive communication, and cross-cultural understanding in culturally diverse settings.

“It is an incredible honor to have Yashwant represent UNH on the National Advisory Council of NCORE, particularly given NCORE’s reach and scope of activity related to improving access, race relations and general college campus culture,” says Nadine Petty, associate vice president for diversity, equity and inclusion and chief diversity officer at UNH. “He will offer NAC a wealth of knowledge around diversity, equity, access and inclusion. I’ve known Yashwant professionally for a handful of years and he is a gifted practitioner. Knowing what I know about his work ethic, leadership and lens, he will be an impactful member of the council and a point of pride for UNH.”

The NCORE conference supports the complex task of creating and sustaining comprehensive institutional change designed to improve racial and ethnic relations on campuses and to expand opportunities for educational access and success. As a member of the advisory group, Vyas looks forward to helping move the mission of NCORE forward.

“I first engaged with NCORE in 2017 as a NCORE Student Scholar. Since then, I have attended and presented at the annual conference” Vyas said. “I feel a great sense of responsibility and am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the field in this capacity.”

Vyas has previously served on the board of directors of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars. He is an active member of the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) – College Student Educators International and NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education.

Vyas started his three-year term on the council at the recent 2022 NCORE Conference in Portland, Oregon. Specifically, he serves on Human Resources: Administration and Staff Recruitment and the Professional Development Committee within the council.

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