



Testimonials



Darcy Brodmerkel, M.Ed., CAACD
Director of Student Activities/
Addictions Specialist/
Head Women's Golf Coach
Misericordia University

"Karith Foster presented at our orientation in her unique way of using humor and honesty while discussing diversity and inclusion in Stereotyping 101. The feedback from the students was extremely positive as Karith was very engaging and enlightened the students in their need and ability to promote change in our world. Karith is already contracted to present again next year!"

-Darcy Brodmerkel, Misericordia University

"Thanks again for the amazing discussion last night. Student feedback has been outstanding. You really connected with the students. You're making meaningful differences in students' lives. I plan to share your work with other PRSSA advisers." -Michele E. Ewing, Kent State Univ. 9/14/17

"I delivered a presentation about diversity to PRSSA advisers at the National PRSA/PRSSA Conference, and I shared the positive outcome of your program at Kent State. I hope this gets you more referrals." -Michele E. Ewing, Kent State Univ. 10/13/17



Michele E. Ewing, APR, Fellow PRSA
Associate Professor, Public Relations
Public Relations Sequence Coordinator
PRSSA Kent Faculty Adviser
School of Journalism and Mass Communication
Kent State University



Donna Seaboy
Financial Aid Director
Sitting Bull College

"I hope Karith truly understands the impact she made on our students today. Our student population is about 96% Native American and many of them feel as though they have been forgotten by society and their country. Karith reminded them that they were powerful as individuals and that they had and can use their voice. We can't wait to have her back again next year." -Donna Seaboy, Sitting Bull College

"This was even better than I expected and I saw Karith at the APCA National Conference in the spring. We knew she was going to be perfect for our Leadership Series and she was. The students were engaged the entire time - not always an easy task when taking people outside of their comfort zone. We will definitely be having her back again next fall. "

-Tom Faessel, Univ of Akron



Thomas Faessel, Associate Director, Co-curricular
Programs & Activities.
University of Akron



Dustin Draper Student Council
Utah Valley State University

"Thank you so much for such a great talk Ms. Foster. This was the first time I have ever sat in a lecture about diversity and inclusion and as a straight white guy felt included in the conversation. It is very clear that you are coming from a place of love and encouraging others to do so as well. I can't wait to have you at our school."

-Dustin Draper, NACA West 2017 Conference

"Penn State Panhellenic invited Karith in for a Educational Programming event about diversity and stereotypes. I was able to see her program over the summer (@ George Mason Univ. for The Fund for American Studies Orientation) and I was looking forward to bringing her to Penn State. Her ability to bring humor to a serious topic captures audiences' attention and brings focus to an often overlooked topic. Overwhelmingly, our members loved her and the program. Many of our members commented on how different the event was, and that they were engaged throughout the entire program. I've loved both times I've seen Karith, and would definitely recommend her to other schools."

-Margaret O'Brien, Penn State Panhellenic



Margaret O'Brien
Vice President of Programming for Penn State
Panhellenic



Latisha Ellison
President, Public Relations Student Society of America
Kent State University

"This was my second time hearing Karith's Stereotyped 101™ (The first time was at the PRSSA National Assembly)- it was even better the second time around. Her comedic approach to diversity creates an environment where people feel comfortable to talk about their own experiences with diversity and how they can handle them better."

- Latisha Ellison, Kent State University

"Karith dominated the crowd the second she started talking. She has the ability to talk about topics nobody wants to talk about, and no one feels uncomfortable listening. I love the way she adds humor and personal experiences to shed light on these topics. She taught me how to C.A.R.E, and I really took a lot from her speech."

- Alexandra Seibt, Kent State University



Alexandra Seibt
Vice President, Public Relations Student Society of America
Kent State University



Troy Vande Lune
Director of Student Life
Northeast Iowa Community College

"I keep getting comments from students, faculty and staff about how great it was to have Karith on campus. Karith's delivery was a great blend of humorous antidotes and serious conversation. It's not often that you get evaluations that indicate that people actually changed their minds about something while listening to a speaker, but with Karith we had several. Thank you Karith!"

-Troy Vande Lune, Northeast Iowa Community College

"Karith shed light on topics people usually don't like to talk about, and she did it in such an informative and graceful way! I loved hearing her perspective and tips on how to combat hate. As Karith said, 'happy people don't hate!' I hope this presentation inspired others to spread love, just as it inspired me. #INVERSITY"

- Charleah Trombitas, Kent State University



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Kent State University



Marcquese Parrish
Penn State Birks

"This is the type of program I want everyone to see because it gives another perspective in the diversity discussion. If you didn't feel comfortable talking about stereotypes before then this program is for you. Karith makes it easy and enjoyable."

-Marcquese Parrish, Penn State Birks

"Listening to Karith Foster allowed me to learn about #INVERSITY from a space where it is okay to laugh! She spoke from her heart and explained that the world around us is difficult, but keeping a positive mind shapes us to a new perspective." - Francesca Barrett, Kent State University



Francesca Barrett
Kent State University



Lauren Garczynski
Kent State University

"The way Karith spoke about her experiences in such an honest way made students easily share their own experiences. She is an incredibly captivating speaker and charms the audience as much as she makes them laugh. I adored listening to Karith speak, her messages touched me and I hope to continually carry them with me."

- Lauren Garczynski, Kent State University

"Diversity is such a hard topic to talk about, but Karith did a great job talking about it in her speech. She made everyone feel comfortable by using humor and many stories from her personal life. These stories helped to understand the concept of diversity, and made it easy for people to relate to what she was talking about." Samantha Ross, Kent State University



Samantha Ross
Kent State University



Sarah Heber
Kent State University

"Karith's speech was eye-opening and changed the way I saw this world. With a topic as complex as diversity, Karith did a wonderful job at educating attendees on the importance of acceptance while making everyone feel welcomed with her humor. "

-Sarah Heber, Kent State University

"The diversity workshop led by Karith Foster was a great way to spend my Friday evening! The discussion about stereotypes was very enlightening. Looking forward to more events like this at UNC."

-Zoie Campbell, University of Northern Colorado



Zoie Campbell
Journalism Student, Aspiring Broadcaster
University of Northern Colorado



Damara Goodloe
Diverse Events Coordinator, Office of Student Life
University of Northern Colorado

" I think that Stereotyped 101 allowed students to get a differing perspective on certain subjects that we are not all too comfortable speaking on. I brought Karith to speak at UNC because I believe in creating dialogues on subjects that are typically swept under the rug. It is okay to be uncomfortable, but the mission out of it is to share our experiences, thoughts, and feelings in hopes to create understanding and learning. Based on our interaction at NACA West 2017, I was expecting Karith to connect with the audience by explaining her own experiences with being stereotyped, then providing solutions through a presentation, and a Q&A segment. She by far exceeded my expectations because she made her presentation intimate, regardless of age or profession Karith was able to interact with the audience as if it was a natural conversation. Adding humor to topics that are taken so seriously, took a lot of barriers down and I felt as though she created a safe space for the discussion. I would give Karith a 9 out of 10, based upon the number of people coming to speak with her after the event. I think that there could be more time for Q&A's, that aside I applaud everything else. Students and faculty are still approaching me about this successful event, saying that they have gained new perspectives, and that is all that I could have asked for out of this. I would definitely bring Karith back again, possibly exploring other themes that she has to offer because in this position my hope is to make a difference and create a more inclusive campus."

-Damara Goodloe, University of Northern Colorado

"Karith was brought in to speak at TVCC as our Black History month speaker because we were impressed with her message of inclusiveness and unity. She most certainly exceeded our expectations. She has such a great sense of humor and way of connecting with people. Our students and community are still talking about how much they enjoyed attending this program. On a scale of 1-10, I would rate her program a solid 10! We will definitely take a look at her other programs so that we can bring her back!"

-Tasha Wixom, Treasure Valley Community College



Tasha Wixom
Director of Student Programs
Treasure Valley Community College

"I thoroughly enjoyed Karith and her Stereotyped 101 presentation. We chose her because we wanted to educate students at Old Dominion University about stereotyping and she had the experience & program we wanted. Her presentation was so great because it felt like a conversation and not a lecture. She kept the students (myself included) laughing and engaged in the presentation instead of making it feel like a lecture. Her presentation was not only intriguing but it was truly informative to the experiences people may have everyday. She exceeded our expectations and we have already recommended her to several schools."

-Damoneke Harper, Old Dominion University



Damoneke Harper
Student Activities Council Graduate Assistant in the
Student Leadership and Involvement Office
Old Dominion University



John Clopton
Executive Director of Human Resource Services
Hawkeye College

"Karith made a huge contribution to the success of the day. My staff and I have heard nothing but great comments about her!!! Karith has the most respectful, enlightened, and grace-filled approach to this subject that I have experienced. I hope that I get to be again in one of her sessions...and for me she used the perfect amount of humor!!!"
-John Clopton, Hawkeye College

"The Campus Activities Board with help from other departments and organizations have been sponsoring the Tunnel of Oppression exhibit for the last five years. Having Karith come as an opening speaker and kick-off the week was more appropriate and set the tone for the week's events. She exceeded my expectations. Everyone I spoke to had positive feedback. One faculty member said to me during her presentation, that we should have her come back to speak just to the faculty. I was pleased to see many students go up and speak to her after the event. Social Justice programming is still a very new concept/idea here on this campus and it's a pleasure when students respond positively. When I met Karith at NACA and listened to her presentation I knew she would be perfect for campus. Karith was so easy to interact with; she was so pleasant and kind. I cannot wait to bring her back next year."

-Loreale Robertson, Texas A&M University-Kingsville



Loreale Robertson
Coordinator, Campus Activities
Texas A&M University-Kingsville



Dani Roberts, M.Ed
Program Coordinator, Student Involvement & Activities
Campus Advisor for Fraternity and Sorority Life
Campus Advisor for Program Council
Salem State University

"Working with Karith Foster was a smooth and wonderful experience. I met Karith at NACA Northeast in Hartford, CT, where we discussed why inclusion in higher education is vital to a positive collegiate experience and why humor is a perfect foundation and catalyst to discuss the topic with students. I was so impressed with Karith and thought her program would be perfect for the Greek community at Salem State University. Karith exceeded our expectations; she was hysterical, charismatic, and informative. The students absolutely loved her message and appreciated how she approached the topic. Once Karith took stage, the room filled with laughter and the students were immediately engaged. The students approached me after the event and poured over how much they loved Karith's message and appreciated her comedic approach. I would definitely bring Karith back to our campus in the future. She gets a 10/10!"

-Dani Roberts, Salem State University

Stereotyped 101 truly exceeded my expectations. Our faculty, staff, and students are continuing to discuss diversity, inclusion, and equity on our campus. This was the perfect presentation to begin having strategic campus wide conversations. Karith is able to create a safe space where everyone can self-reflect and receive the necessary tools to continue to create an environment where we truly have equity and inclusiveness.

-Dr. Edrel Stoneham, Victoria College



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Dean of Student Services
Victoria College



Elaine Everett-Hensley
Director, Student Life
Victoria College

We recently brought Karith Foster to our college and I'll I can say is just WOW! Faculty, staff and students all enjoyed the presentation. She gets you to see things through a lens you haven't looked through before. Let's face it, we all stereotype. She reminds us to be self-aware and that and the end of the day it's about understanding each other and working to make a better place for us to all respect each other. We received positive feedback and we would definitely bring her back on campus!

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