

Member Highlight

Gia Hoke,
Title IX Coordinator

WHO IS GIA HOKE?

Gia is the Title IX Coordinator for the Wake County Public School System in North Carolina. Her proudest career achievement was choosing to pursue a career in education. She has found this career path to be both tough and incredibly rewarding. Soon, she will reach a significant milestone by earning her doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from Gardner Webb University. Attaining one of the highest academic qualifications in her field is an accomplishment that fills her with great pride.

Gia sees herself as highly ambitious, being drawn to new opportunities, constantly reinventing herself along the way. She has a passion for presenting and public speaking, and is eager to further develop these skills through more speaking engagements. In addition, advocating for others comes naturally to her, and she is committed to continuing to amplify the voices of those who need it most. Teaching adults has always been a source of joy for her, and she looks forward to the possibility of teaching college courses in the future.

WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO HER?

Gia embraces the truth that she is fearfully and wonderfully made. She fully embraces her identity as a Black woman and strides confidently towards her true purpose. Her main hurdle has been tackling stereotypes and bias that often confront Black women. In the past, she minimized her true and authentic self by watering down her self-identity to make other people feel more comfortable when they were in her presence. However, that is no longer her narrative. She is comfortable in her own skin, and she fully embraces who she is without allowing the thoughts and opinions of others to shape her own story.

WISDOM FROM GIA

"Here's what I want people to understand: Even in the darkest moments, there's always a glimmer of hope before the dawn. Stay committed to your personal goals and dreams, and don't lose faith. Everything falls into place when the time is right, so be patient as you await that moment."

"There are two pieces of advice. The first is to take care of yourself. In education, it's easy to get so caught up in the job that we forget to enjoy life's little pleasures. As women, we often have a tendency to prioritize others over ourselves, but neglecting our own physical and mental health isn't doing anyone any favors. It's important to make self-care a priority instead of constantly putting it on the back burner. Here's another tip: Recognize your worth and realize that it only grows over time."



WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT BEING A WE LEAD MEMBER?

"Let me begin by expressing my heartfelt gratitude for the profound impact WE LEAD has had on me. It has been an absolute blessing in igniting my passion for public speaking on topics dear to my heart."

