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NAAIA Foundation Welcomes Ethan Zagore as Inaugural Director



Washington, DC – The National African American Insurance Association (NAAIA) and the NAAIA Foundation announce the appointment of Ethan Zagore as the inaugural Director of Social Impact Operations. Ethan brings a wealth of experience in higher education administration, diversity programs, and grant-making to this vital role.

Ethan’s impressive career includes his most recent position as the Senior Director of Academic

and Career Pathways at the Gary Comer Center in Chicago, IL. He has also served as the Executive Director of Grants Development and Compliance at Malcolm X College, Vice Chancellor of Student Success at Ivy Tech Community College in South Bend, and Director of TRiO Programs at the University of Notre Dame. Ethan holds a BS in Business Administration from Howard University and an MA in Inner City Studies Education from Northeastern Illinois University. He has completed his doctoral coursework in Urban Higher Education at Jackson State University. Additionally, Ethan served on the board of the American Association of Blacks in Higher Education from 2019 to 2021.

“Now is such a pivotal time for the Foundation, and Ethan’s addition marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter,” said Ken Branch, NAAIA Foundation Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer. “His vision will help us drive forward our social impact initiatives and create meaningful change within the insurance industry. We are excited



about the future of the NAAIA Foundation as we continue to grow and expand our efforts to support diversity and inclusion.”

“NAAIA’s importance to the insurance industry, the high quality of professionals associated with the organization, and the recent growth make this a truly opportunistic time to grow our NAAIA Foundation,” said George Woods, NAAIA National Board Chair and NAAIA Foundation Board Member.

In this newly created role, Ethan will be instrumental in developing and implementing a strategic vision to enhance the Foundation’s growth and impact within the insurance industry, including fundraising, program development, and representing the Foundation in public engagement and advocacy initiatives. Ethan will also co-lead NAAIA’s J.L. Tillman Endowed Scholarship Program and support the social impact portfolio of NAAIA’s *Vision 2030* strategic plan. Ethan will report jointly to Omari Aarons-Martin, Executive Director & Chief Operating Officer, NAAIA and Ken Branch, Board Chair & CEO, NAAIA Foundation.

“We are delighted to welcome Ethan to the NAAIA Foundation,” said Aarons-Martin. “His extensive background and commitment to diversity and education make him the perfect fit for this role. We look forward to the significant contributions he will make to our organization and the broader insurance industry.”

To inquire about supporting the NAAIA Foundation, contact Ethan Zagore at ezagore@naaiafoundation.org.



ABOUT NAAIA

The National African American Insurance Association fosters a network for professionals of color in the insurance industry, promoting professional development and personal empowerment.

With over 2,100 members across 24 chapters nationwide, NAAIA represents every industry sector and serves as a gateway to diverse talent.

For more information, visit www.naaia.org.

ABOUT NAAIA FOUNDATION

The NAAIA Foundation is fueling a powerfully inclusive future through strategic, long term investments in people through scholarship and leadership development.

For more information, visit www.naaiafoundation.org.

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1. ☒ Exciting News! ☒

The NAAIA Foundation is thrilled to welcome Ethan Zagore as the inaugural Director of Social Impact Operations. Ethan brings a rich background in higher education, diversity programs, and grant-making. He has previously worked with @GaryComerCenter, @MalcolmXCollege, and @IvyTechCC.

Ethan will play a key role in advancing our Vision 2030 plan and leading our J.L. Tillman Endowed Scholarship Program. We are excited about the future with him on board!

2. ☒ Welcome Ethan Zagore! ☒

We are excited to announce that Ethan Zagore has joined the NAAIA Foundation as our first Director of Social Impact Operations. Ethan brings valuable experience from @GaryComerCenter, @MalcolmXCollege, and @IvyTechCC, making him a perfect fit for this role.

Ethan will help drive our Vision 2030 strategic plan, co-lead the J.L. Tillman Endowed Scholarship Program, and enhance our Foundation's impact. Join us in welcoming Ethan to the team!

Join us in welcoming Ethan to the NAAIA Foundation!

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Introducing Ethan Zagore: NAAIA Foundation's New Director of Social Impact Operations

Washington, DC – The National African American Insurance Association (NAAIA) and the NAAIA Foundation are excited to announce the appointment of Ethan Zagore as the inaugural Director of Social Impact Operations. With an extensive background in higher education administration, diversity programs, and grant-making, Ethan is a fantastic addition to our team.

Ethan's impressive career includes roles such as Senior Director of Academic and Career Pathways at the Gary Comer Center in Chicago, Executive Director of Grants Development and Compliance at Malcolm X College, Vice Chancellor of Student Success at Ivy Tech Community College in South Bend, and Director of TRiO Programs at the University of Notre Dame. He holds a BS in Business Administration from Howard University and an MA in Inner City Studies Education from Northeastern Illinois University. He has completed his doctoral coursework in Urban Higher Education at Jackson State University. Additionally, Ethan served on the board of the American Association of Blacks in Higher Education from 2019 to 2021.

In his new role, Ethan will drive our strategic vision for growth and impact, co-lead the J.L. Tillman Endowed Scholarship Program, and enhance our Foundation's brand as part of our Vision 2030 strategic plan.

"We are delighted to welcome Ethan to the NAAIA Foundation," said Omari Aarons-Martin, Executive Director & Chief Operating Officer. "His extensive background and commitment to diversity and education make him the perfect fit for this role. We look forward to the significant contributions he will make to our organization and the broader insurance industry."

Please join us in welcoming Ethan Zagore to the NAAIA Foundation. We are excited about the future with him on board!