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In my career in higher education, I have had the great privilege to meet and mentor many talented young people. These young scholars need role models and leaders that look like them in this academic landscape so that they have a reinforced narrative that they too can succeed and they too are valued. These students fuel my work, I see my own children who have inherited these systems and who need those of us who have been there to support them. I work to provide advocacy and support those who live in the margins of our society, who struggle to operate in communities that are vastly different from their experience. We all have a responsibility to fight the systems of discrimination and oppression by creating learning communities that are diverse and inclusive for every student.