Dr. Thompson-Pinckney

Dr. Teresa Thompson-Pinckney currently serves as the Director of the Office of College Access Programs at Fayetteville State University where she oversees federal GEAR UP, Talent Search and Upward Bound programs. She has over twenty years of experience in youth development and thirteen years of experience in college access programs. She has served as a facilitator of education at grass-root and administrative levels.

Dr. Thompson-Pinckney has served as an instructor at Fayetteville State University, the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, and currently Duke University. Her research interest is comprised of Pk-16 Pipeline, College Access, Youth Development, and Organizational Development and Leadership. Dr. Thompson-Pinckney is a recent graduate of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill BRIDGES Program, a leadership program for women in higher education.

Dr. Thompson-Pinckney has a passion for helping youth regardless of the communities in which they live. Her vision is that all youth will…

- Go to school every day
- Read & write at grade level or above
- Have access to rigorous course work
- Have a smooth transition from middle school to high school
- Graduate from high school and go to college
- Have equal access to college
- Be competitive in the workforce
- Become productive citizens

Dr. Thompson-Pinckney is a TRIO Alumni. With humble beginnings of being from a low-income family and the first in her family to graduate with a college degree, she gives much credit to TRIO.

Dr. Thompson-Pinckney was born in Lubbock, Texas and she received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminology & Criminal Justice (University of Texas at Arlington), Masters of Art Degree in Sociology (Fayetteville State University), and Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership (Fayetteville State University).