

Educators of Color Panel

The panel was sponsored by the College of Education and Human Development Teacher Education program and the Northwest Ohio Center for Excellence in STEM Education (NWO) at Bowling Green State University.



TOPICS DISCUSSED INCLUDED

- The issues and challenges teachers of color face
- Panelist experiences with racism, micro-aggressions, etc.
- How to support students and colleagues of color in PK-12 classrooms
- Addressing the shortage of teachers of color

Educators from Washington Local Schools: Melissa Hall, Felicia Singleton, Rhea Young, ILA, & Raquel Jones

Educators from Toledo Public Schools: Marian Saleh, Horizon Science Academy, & Edward McDaniel, Escuela SMART Academy

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As a person of color, I thought it was very insightful and helpful. More people need to be aware, and this definitely helps.

For the third year in a row, an Educators of Color Panel was held on the BGSU campus, in which local teachers shared their teaching experiences, discussed their viewpoints and answered questions from the audience about diversity and racial injustices that occur in the classroom.

Panelists included four current teachers from the Washington Local School district, which is partnering with NWO on the grant-funded Project EDUCATE (Educators of Diversity: Unified and Collaborative to Aspire Teacher Education), an educational model developed to increase and diversify the educator workforce. The teachers are also mentors to participating students within the grant project, which is in its third year. Two teachers from Toledo Public Schools also participated on the panel, adding their perspective from another large urban school district in northwest Ohio.

Alongside the BGSU community comprised of faculty and administrators, over 85 BGSU students attended, mostly Education majors, some of whom are currently student-teaching.

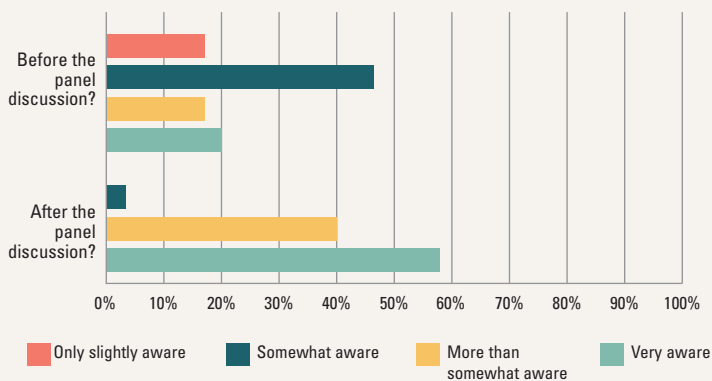
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Hearing about others' challenges and obstacles with discrimination made me realize I wasn't alone.

PARTICIPANTS FEEDBACK ABOUT THE PANEL DISCUSSION



How aware were you of People of Colors' experiences in schools

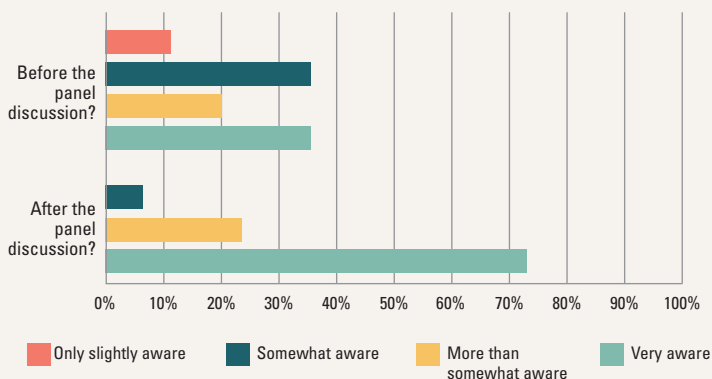


EVENT OVERALL RATING BY PARTICIPANTS

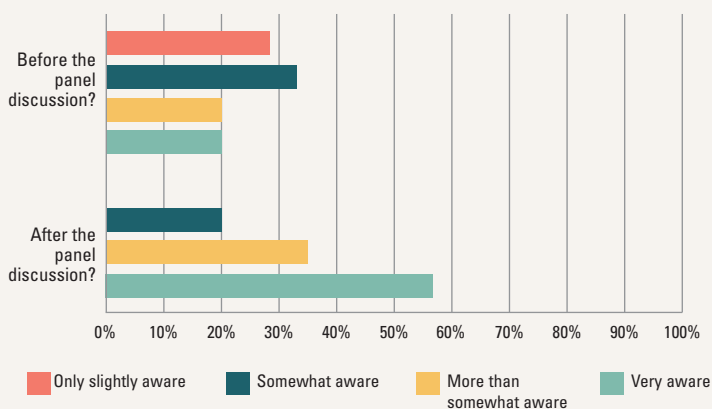
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How aware were you of the discrimination of People of Color in schools



How aware were you of ways to support People of Color in schools



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Providing a safe space for students of color, establishing a classroom environment in which racism/discrimination is unacceptable.

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... I believe this topic to be of critical importance for not only teacher education students, but current teachers as well.