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To: Dinizulu, Kwabena; LaTarzja N. Henry; Baron, Kaley
Subject: RE: CMS event - Moderator bio
Attachments: Sonja Gantt - Bio_June_2021.pdf

Good morning,

Thank you for providing Professor Kendi's email. Attached is the moderator's bio. As requested, we will also send panelist invitations in a separate email.

Yours inclusively,

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Professor Kendi's email is [REDACTED] CONFIDENTIAL — please only use this for the webinar link, all other pre- and post-event communications should come directly to Kaley and I. It would also be helpful if you could send the link to us, as well, as we will include it in the documents we put together for him.

Thanks,
Kwabena

Sonja Gantt

Sonja Gantt is the executive director of the CMS Foundation – the non-profit fundraising partner of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. She brings to the job a deep knowledge of the area having served the majority of her 30-year media career as a reporter/anchor covering Mecklenburg County and the surrounding region. Gantt’s community service over the years supports her role with the foundation, which works closely with local corporations, foundations and community groups.

In her role, Gantt manages the CMS Foundation’s staff and fundraising strategy as well as its programmatic focus areas. She also serves as a member of the school district’s executive leadership team, a role that gives her deep insight into both the challenges and opportunities within Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. This insight helps inform how the CMS Foundation supports the school district and where it focuses philanthropic investments.

Gantt began her career as a reporter for WBTW, a TV station in Florence, S.C. She moved to a reporting job with WBTV in Charlotte, then spent several years as an anchor and reporter for WGN in Chicago. She returned to Charlotte in 1997 as an anchor and reporter for WCNC, working there from 1997 until she joined the CMS Foundation in 2016. Her reporting has been celebrated with numerous awards including a Mid-South Regional Emmy in 2011.

Gantt is a proud CMS graduate of East Mecklenburg High School. She holds a bachelor’s degree in broadcast journalism from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She currently serves her community as a member of the EdNC Strategic Council, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She recently completed service on the Board of Directors of the YMCA of Greater Charlotte and the Z. Smith Reynolds Community Leadership Council. Sonja and her husband Mitch have two children.

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