

# HAKEEM A. RAHIM, Ed.M, M.A.

## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Possesses strong leadership, managerial and fundraising skills through experience in Higher Education and Non-profit
- Experienced public speaker active in education, faith and advocacy organizations with emphasis in interfacing with community leaders
- Certified in de Bono Six Hats thinking methodology (2011) and a graduate of life coaching school, Institute for Professional Excellence in Coaching (iPEC) (2010)

## ENTREPRENURIAL EXPERIENCE

**Live Breathe, LLC**, 04/2012—Present

Hempstead, NY

### Owner, President

- Secured consultant position with National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) as Let's Talk Mental Illness Presenter advocating and educating over 5,000 students in 35 schools about mental illness.
- Secured over \$20,000 of grant funding and featured on NAMI sponsored website (btslessonplans.org) due to success of Let's Talk Mental Illness school based presentations.
- Educated and advocated for mental illness on variety of level: keynoted Black Psychiatrists of Greater New York discussion program for over 100 participants; spoke to over 100 family members at 6 NAMI Family to Family programs classes; educated 20 Hempstead law enforcement officers about mental illness; spoke to over 200 people living with mental illness; secured feature on TV 10 WLNY discussing mental illness
- Design and received approval for a 2014 position as Youth Engagement Coordinator for NAMI Q/N with goal to increase youth participation (13 – 40) in NAMI Q/N.
- Designed and instructed de Bono based course for inaugural Emerging Leaders Program at LaGuardia Community College
- Designed, instructed and facilitated de Bono based 2-day retreat for LaGuardia Community College Student Development staff leading to the creation and implementation of several department based initiatives.

## NON-PROFIT EXPERIENCE

**Uniondale Foundation for Educational Excellence (UFEE)**, 04/2006—Present

Uniondale, NY

### Co-Founder, Co-President

- Recruited and manage team of 15 directors, board and executive committee members with a projected budget of \$60k
- Raised \$25k to support educational initiatives in the Uniondale School District, which serves over 39,000 residents
- Interface with Uniondale Union Free School District's Superintendent, Board of Education and key constituents.
- Organized several major fundraising banquet including Dr. Cornel West (2008), Dr. Eddie Glaude, Jr. (2010), Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Chuck D (2011)
- Prepared 501 (c)(3) IRS documentation

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Mercy College**, 01/2010—04/2012

Dobbs Ferry, NY

### Associate Director, Personalized Achievement Contract (PACT)

- Led the PACT program on Mercy College's Manhattan Campus via managing a staff of 4 PACT counselors
- Oversaw the college retention and success of 450+ students
- Interfaced with PACT Director and Mercy College President to formulate retention plans and develop effective service delivery methods for the overall PACT program

**Hofstra University**, 11/2008—12/2009

Hempstead, NY

### Assistant Dean, University Advisement

- Advised 400 undergraduates in development of educational plans, decision efficacy and personal/academic goal setting
- Oversaw and co-coordinated inaugural Veteran Affairs Yellow Ribbon program within advisement department
- Developed, managed and executed various individual projects such as a mentoring database and diversity committee

**John Jay College**, 04/2008—06/2008

New York, NY

### Academic Advisor, Counselor (Grant Funded)

- Provided comprehensive academic advising sessions for students pursuing associate degrees
- Developed targeted intervention and retention plan for rising freshman and probation students
- Mentored and counseled students in the Learning Communities Program higher education initiative

**Full Circle Health**, 05/2007—09/2007

Bronx, NY

### Consultant

- Provided psychotherapy sessions at a private mental health practice seeing as many as eight clients daily
- Prepared detailed 10-page psychological reports to diagnose and outline course of treatment for incoming clients
- Co-authored American Psychiatric Association symposium paper with supervising psychiatrist

**EDUCATION****Columbia University, Teachers College**

Master of Education in Psychological Counseling, 05/2007

Master of Arts in Psychological Counseling, 05/2007

New York, NY

**Harvard University**

Bachelor of Arts Psychology, Cum Laude, 06/2004

- Member of Harvard Club of New York

Cambridge, MA

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Uniondale High School Distinction in Service Award (2007) (2008); Lawrence Road JHS Keynote Speaker's Award (2009); Nassau County and NY State Senator Citations for Uniondale Foundation for Educational Excellence Service (2011); Certified NAMI In Our Own Voice Speaker (2012); What's Great In Our State Award for Children's Mental Health Advocacy (2013); NAMI Recognized Zucker Hillside Hospital Speaker (2013)