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Biography:

Michael E. Collins, Jr. (he/ him) is Vice President for Housing and Financial Capability at the National Urban League. In this and previous roles, he drives the development, investment in, and implementation of interventions that foster increased housing stability and economic mobility of marginalized populations, especially those with low incomes. Previously, Michael served as Program Director at Enterprise Community Partners where he played a lead role in designing and deploying pilot programs that increased the capacity of local non-profit agencies to support low-income New Yorkers. At Enterprise, he also lead coalition building and advocacy activities in partnership with government, private industry, and nonprofit stakeholders aimed at protecting and enriching existing housing and economic resources. Prior to joining Enterprise, Michael worked in various roles – supporting philanthropic institutions, non-profit organizations, and financial institutions – supporting efforts to inform and increase economic and social opportunity for all. Michael earned his undergraduate degree in African American Studies from Morehouse College. He holds a Master of Public Administration from the City University of New York's (CUNY) Baruch College. Michael lives in East Harlem.

What are you looking to achieve through the NUL Emerging Leaders Program?

Equipped with a keen understanding of the importance of collaboration, I view Emerging Leaders as an opportunity to refine and enhance my leadership capabilities and network within the movement. I anticipate that this experience will also provide knowledge and relationships that will support the advancement of future initiatives and programs – with an eye towards increasing the capacity of affiliates to accelerate and deepen our collective impact on communities.

Fun Fact: I started but never completed an AA in Art, which was my most enjoyable academic experience.

