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# UNCF National Virtual Walk for Education<sup>®</sup> Raises \$2.3M+ for HBCUs



**F**or the second consecutive year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, UNCF celebrated the National Virtual Walk for Education<sup>®</sup> fundraiser online on Sept. 18, 2021. The event exceeded its \$2 million goal by raising more than \$2.3 million for UNCF’s historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and their students. The virtual event was held in over 32 cities. Over the past two years, \$5.3 million has been raised and supported by individuals, corporations and other donor groups through this virtual fundraiser.

The event featured “*Black-ish*” actress and activist Jenifer Lewis; philanthropist, TV host and physician Dr. Ian Smith; Grammy<sup>®</sup>-nominated artist, DJ and entrepreneur MC Lyte, and others.

“The outpouring of support for this year’s UNCF National Virtual Walk for Education was phenomenal and reflects the growing support of HBCUs and their students. Though virtual, it was one of our best, thanks in large

measure to the enormous support we received from our partners and friends from across the nation,” said Dr. Michael L. Lomax, president and CEO, UNCF.

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Acclaimed Actress, Singer & Activist

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The impressive event's success was largely due to the overwhelming support from individual participants and national sponsors including The Coca-Cola Company, Global Payments, Spotify, Wellington Management,

**Arch, Bayer, Colgate-Palmolive Company and Lowe's.**

**The National Virtual Walk for Education proved for a second year in a row that an investment in HBCUs is an investment in better futures.**