**AA 100: Program Orientation Workshop (Fall 2024)**

**Introduction Discussion Post:**

My name is Donovan A. McFarlane. I have been an educator/teacher for the past 20 years. I am originally from Jamaica, where I was born and raised, but have been living in the United States for over 20 years. I hold graduate and undergraduate degrees in Business Administration. I have done extensive research in the fields of management, marketing and business. My particular focus is higher educational leadership and intellectual life. I would like to someday operate a higher education research institute focused on individual growth and community advancement through applied learning, especially as far as principled living is concerned. I believe strongly in Values Education and would like to focus my doctoral project in that area. Having taught for two decades, I have positively motivated and influenced several of my students to focus on building themselves intellectually and spiritually through higher educational pursuits, and always to be mindful of their impact on others and their communities. This is also my guiding principle for my own pursuits including this doctoral degree. My calling is to educate and advance others and this is the reason why I am enrolled in this DSL Program and Omega Graduate School.