

Born Here: Navigating Identity, Visibility, and Schooling

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Dr. Mawule Sevon, vividly recounts her journey as a first-generation American born and eldest daughter to Togolese immigrants, navigating the complexities of identity, ethnicity, and education. Drawing from her experiences as an educator and researcher, Dr. Sevon emphasizes the profound importance of visibility for both students and educators in fostering inclusive, affirming learning environments. Through touching anecdotes and insightful reflections, she highlights the transformative power of embracing one's heritage, advocating for diverse perspectives, and creating spaces where every individual feels seen and valued. Dr. Sevon's impassioned call to action resonates with the TEDxBowieStateUniversity theme of "Legacy Ignited," inspiring audience members to ignite positive change by embracing their unique identities, amplifying diverse voices, and championing educational equity and justice. Her message serves as a catalyst for empowering individuals to ignite a legacy of transformation and inclusivity in schools.