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## — 2021 Speaker Series on Race & Counseling —

### How Biases Affect Racism

In a recent study (Hudson & Hudson, 2021) the affect that biases have on the decision making of postsecondary students enrolled in healthcare programs at an HBCU were investigated. This study examined students' biases in regards to the delivery of health services to members of the underserved and underrepresented populations. Although the results were inconclusive, a startling result was revealed. The data collected will be presented and discussed to emphasize the relationship between biases and racism.

### About William E. Hudson, SR, PhD, CRC, CHS

Dr. Hudson is the former Associate Dean/Associate Professor in the School of Allied Health Sciences (SOAHS) at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Florida. He is semi-retired and currently serves as an Assistant to the Dean on a part-time basis. He is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and a Certified Habilitation Specialist. He received a Bachelor's degree in Special Education, a Master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling and a doctorate degree in Rehabilitation Services all from Florida State University. His specialty areas are Community Transition, Specific Learning Disabilities (including study skills and test anxiety), Head Trauma, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Individual, Family and Group Counseling. He coordinated the Rehabilitation Services Management Concentration located in the SOAHS' Division of Health Care Management at FAMU.

Dr. Hudson has more than thirty three years of experience in the fields of Vocational Rehabilitation and Higher Education. He has more than twenty years as a postsecondary education administrator. He has authored more than 38 articles which focused on research completed in the areas of incarcerated juveniles with learning disabilities, retention and progression of first time and second year college students, the development and effectiveness of an early alert warning system, the provision of health related services to the rural elderly, and death and dying. His continued research interests have been the effects of body biases of health professionals in the provision of services.

