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Ansley Booker, Ph.D. is a native of Eatonton, Georgia. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in biology from Georgia Southern University in 2008, where she was a Ronald E. McNair Scholar, a Master of Science in pharmacy from the University of Georgia in 2013, and her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Mercer University in May 2019. Her passion for STEM was highlighted in her 2019 TedTalk at the University of Georgia entitled Unhidden Figures: Uncovering Our Cultural Biases in STEM.

In addition to developing the STEM curriculum for high school and collegiate students as an adjunct professor, she has served as a mentor and volunteer for numerous programs in the Macon community including Streets to Success and Real I. M. P. A.C. T. Center, a local non-profit to ensure young girls 3rd-8th grade are exposed to STEM disciplines. Dr. Booker was the previous Director for the Mercer University Educational Opportunity Center (Federal TRiO Programs) and is the inaugural Director for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives.

Her awards and recognitions include being named among ASHE Presidential Medal Local Change Agent Award Honorable Mention, Macon Magazine's 5 under 40 Leadership Issue, The National Women's Empowerment Ministry Anedra S. Williams-Millennial Award of Year, the Macon-Middle Georgia Black Pages Young Entrepreneurs and Professionals, the University of Georgia's College of Pharmacy Distinguished Service Award, Rural Leader Magazine's 40 under 40, Small Town America's Top 100 and both the University of Georgia's and Georgia Sothern's 40 Under 40 as well as receiving Mercer University's Student Affairs Division STAR Award. Lastly, Ansley is a recent graduate of Leadership Macon 2019 and the Urban Leadership Academy Cohort 3.