



## The PhD Project Adds New Member to its Board of Directors

**MONTVALE, New Jersey (October 16, 2023)** – [The PhD Project](#) is excited to announce Kevin E. Price of [FORVIS](#) has joined its Board of Directors, which is made up of 15 leaders in both business and academia, focused on helping advance The Project’s mission to increase diversity in business.

“We are thrilled to welcome Kevin to The PhD Project family,” said Alfonzo Alexander, PhD Project board chair and chief ethics and diversity officer of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA). “Kevin’s impressive background includes serving our country, leading FORVIS’ inclusion and sustainability efforts, and even teaching in higher education. We’re confident that his unique perspective will greatly benefit our board.”

Price oversees Corporate Social Responsibility for FORVIS, which includes inclusion and diversity, ESG, and philanthropy and supplier diversity. After completing his bachelor’s degree at UNC-Charlotte, he was commissioned as a U.S. Air Force Officer, earning his wings as a rated aviator assigned to the Air Mobility Command. After several years on active duty, Price transitioned to the U.S. Air Force Reserves to complete his master’s degrees in human resources (MHR) and business administration (MBA). He has held project management positions and leadership roles in the DEI and sustainability spaces, in several industries including healthcare, manufacturing, food and hospitality services, and professional services. Price also served as an adjunct professor at Wake Forest University for several years, teaching the Project Management Professional Certification course.

“Our work at The PhD Project has never been more important, especially as DEI efforts face challenges in academia and the business world,” said Blane Ruschak, president of The PhD Project. “Kevin is passionate about creating a stronger, more diverse workforce. He will be a key player on our team as our mission grows and evolves.”

FORVIS has been a Corporate Partner of The PhD Project since 2008.

### **About The PhD Project**

Founded in 1994 by its current partners KPMG Foundation, The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), and Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC), [The PhD Project](#) works to increase diversity in the business world. Through its unique model, the nonprofit organization’s Black/African American, Latinx/ Hispanic American and Native American members pursue business PhDs with the intent to become university faculty, teaching and guiding historically underrepresented students who aspire to a career in business and serving as role models to students of color and first-generation students. Since its launch, The Project has been responsible for sextupling the number of historically underrepresented professors, administrators and academic leaders at an extensive list of academic programs, helping more than 1,400 former business professionals and undergraduate students receive their doctoral degree. The PhD Project also includes close to 250 students currently enrolled in a business PhD program.

For more information on The PhD Project, webinars and sponsors visit [www.phdproject.org](http://www.phdproject.org) and follow the program on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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