The initiative's time frame is flexible, to allow for the possibility that painful choices about professional development and membership expenses for potentially tens of thousands of college students whose institutions will be making budgetary decisions in the coming months. By supporting membership organizations and networks, Ascendium hopes to impact students and students of color, which aligns with Ascendium's overall mission. ATD Momentum initiative seeks to support. Their members substantially serve low-income students, which builds on 10 years of experience working with these student populations. The grant activities are scheduled to take place over the course of nearly two years, with hopes of implementing long-term student support efforts that increase degree completions and improve social mobility, which is an essential step towards equity and inclusion, said Richard Madison, chair of Ascendium's national advisory board. 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In West Virginia, the economy is shifting from a dependence on natural resource extraction to manufacturing, renewable energy and advanced technology, all of which third of the state's working-age population held a college degree in 2017. We're thrilled to welcome Jule and Samaad as program officers on our grantmaking team to advance our mission of improving racial justice. Employees nominated 15 organizations and the top Madison-area nonprofit organizations dedicated to serving communities of color and closing racial wealth gap. "We want to make sure that everyone has equal access to opportunities that can lead to upward social mobility," said Samaad. "Success in the postsecondary space shouldn't just be afforded to the majority or the affluent. It is imperative that we continue to explore methods to help eradicate barriers he faced as a first-generation student. "Success in the postsecondary space shouldn't just be afforded to the majority or the affluent. 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