KHALID EL-HAKIM

FREEDOM SCHOLAR AWARD

Khalid el-Hakim, PhD, is the founder and curator of the Black History 101 Mobile Museum, a collection of over 10,000 original artifacts of Black memorabilia dating from the trans-Atlantic slave trade era to hip-hop culture. el-Hakim has been called the "Schomburg of the hip-hop generation" because of his passionate commitment to carrying on the rich tradition of the Black Museum Movement. He has received national and international attention for his innovative work exhibiting Black history outside of traditional museum spaces and teaching teachers how to use primary sources to engage their students. Recently, el-Hakim received the Top 100 Educators award from the Global Forum for Education and Learning and was recognized as one of the 100 Men of Distinction by Black Enterprise magazine. As the nation's premiere Black history traveling exhibit, the Mobile Museum visited its forty-first state this year as a main attraction for Juneteenth in Burlington, VT.