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For 14 years now (three years for Bowie State University, seven years for American University, and four years for Howard University), the scientific essays of Abdul Karim Bangura's undergraduate students have been the most published in the faculty refereed *National Conference on Undergraduate Research Journal*, and many others have been published in other faculty refereed journals. Also, for 12 years now, his graduate students at Howard University and American University have been the most published in refereed and other scholarly journals and books and have won the most Best Graduate Student Paper Awards. A Muslim who attended a Roman Catholic school and served mass as an Altar Boy in Sierra Leone and studied Judaism under the tutelage of revered Rabbis in Italy, Bangura is well schooled in the Abrahamic connections. Well sought after for television and radio shows, speeches, lectures, essay and book manuscript reviews, workshops on research methodology and teaching/learning strategies, inter-religious dialogues, training in cross-cultural communication and language usage strategies, and conflict resolution, Bangura holds a BA in International Studies, an MA in International Affairs, a Graduate Diploma in the Social Sciences, an MS in Linguistics, a PhD

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