



Atala, "The Hunger Games."
Actress Karan Kendrick is playing the head trainer for the Hunger Games in the training room scene. Her job is to get the tributes ready for the trials ahead

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KARAN KENDRICK

ACTRESS

Karan Kendrick, an actress with roles in blockbuster movies including Just Mercy, Hidden Figures, The Hate U Give and The Hunger Games, joined Fort Valley State University (FVSU) in 2021 as a visiting professor. The Fort Valley native and co-founder of The Kendrick Academy currently instructs media studies courses where students learn about documentary filmmaking and screenwriting.

The university's College of Arts and Sciences welcomed Kendrick at the start of the Spring 2021 semester. As a successful working and teaching artist who has starred opposite Academy Award winner, Jamie Foxx and the critically acclaimed actor, Michael B. Jordan, she brings both experience and knowledge of the film industry expected to greatly benefit FVSU students with career aspirations in arts and entertainment. As a native of Fort Valley, Kendrick has a well-established relationship with FVSU including having served as the university's commencement speaker in 2017.

Born and raised in Fort Valley, GA, Karan graduated from Spelman College in Atlanta, GA (BA, Drama and Dance) and earned her graduate degree (MBA, Management) at Wesleyan College in Macon, GA. As a speaker, Karan has appeared at the following: NASA (Ames) Speaker, Women's History Month; Stanford University Featured Panelist for "Hidden Figures" sponsored by Boeing and NSBE; Fort Valley State University Commencement Speaker 2018; Additional acting credits include: Grey's Anatomy, Goddess (O'Neill Musical Theatre Conference), *Breath and Imagination (The Colony Theatre), Drop Dead Diva, Army Wives, The Wronged Man, Fab Five: The Texas Cheerleading Scandal (Lifetime Television), Tyler Perry's House of Payne and Madea Goes to Jail, (Tyler Perry Studios) and the feature films: The Odd Life of Timothy Green, Parental Guidance, Merry Friggin' Christmas, and more.

The Kendrick Academy Trains Future Stars

Although Hollywood keeps her busy, Kendrick also takes time out to encourage students who are passionate about the arts. As the owner and director of The Kendrick Academy in Fort Valley, she teaches drama, theater and dance. The Academy is an arts organization that, according to its website, "Serves to enrich the lives of its students and the community that we serve, through the fine and performing arts."

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