Shirley J. Everett, Ed.D., MBA, hosting the highly impactful 2023 R&DE Cabinet and Key Leaders Retreat. Over the course of three dynamic days, this retreat encapsulated the essence of informativeness, productivity, inspiration, and deep engagement, igniting a tangible sense of excitement and optimism for the future. Dr. Everett’s visionary leadership took center stage as she charted an ambitious course for Residential & Dining Enterprises (R&DE), marked by a steadfast commitment to Achieving Excellence through Inclusive Leadership, Enriched Communications and Technology, and unwavering Fiscal Stewardship in the upcoming academic year.

This transformative event delved into a diverse array of pivotal topics, encompassing the strengthening of financial and facilities stewardship, the exploration of cutting-edge applications of Artificial Intelligence (AI), and the crucial examination of issues tied to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. The retreat also dedicated significant attention to inspiring student excellence and nurturing a hospitable living and learning environment that would resonate profoundly with undergraduate students. Dr. Everett’s dedication to these comprehensive and multifaceted discussions underscored her commitment to the holistic development of R&DE, firmly anchoring it within the framework of Stanford University’s values and priorities.
Furthermore, the retreat offered a powerful testament to the spirit of collaboration and unity within R&DE. It brought to the forefront the coordinated planning efforts across a diverse spectrum of R&DE divisions, including Student Housing Operations and Stanford Conferences, Stanford Dining, Hospitality & Auxiliaries, Maintenance and Capital Projects, Finance & Administration, Information Technology, Strategic Communications and Marketing, and Human Resources. This interdepartmental engagement showcased an unwavering commitment to the pursuit of excellence, a culture of innovation, and a resolute dedication to fostering inclusivity. As a result, it illuminated a promising trajectory for the organization, one characterized by a profound sense of purpose and a boundless commitment to shaping a brighter future.

In summary, the 2023 R&DE Cabinet and Key Leaders Retreat, under the dynamic guidance of Dr. Shirley J. Everett, marked a pivotal moment in the evolution of Residential & Dining Enterprises at Stanford University. It was a confluence of ideas, vision, and action that not only ignited enthusiasm and hope but also reaffirmed R&DE’s place at the forefront of innovation, inclusivity, and excellence within the university community.