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VIRTUAL PROGRAM— AGENDA

September 25-26, 2020



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Innovation, Disruption, and the Future of Education

Friday, September 25, 2020

4:00 PM-7:00 PM

4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Lobby-Zoom Meeting

Welcome

Wendy Spencer, (Cornerstone Class 24), President & CEO,
Leadership Florida

Charles Hokanson, (Cornerstone Class 36; Co-Chair, Education
Advisory Committee) Senior Vice President, Florida Community
Engagement, Helios Education Foundation

Paul Burns, (Education Class 2; Co-Chair, Education Advisory
Committee, Class Co-Chair Education Class 3; Class Chair,
Education Class 4), Deputy Chancellor for Education Quality,
Florida Department of Education

4:15 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

Lobby

Welcome Message

Richard Corcoran, Commissioner, Florida Department of
Education

4:25 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

**Main Conference Room
Zoom Webinar**

Overview of Florida Education

Learn more about the current issues facing education in the
state of Florida from the Department of Education leadership.

Eric Hall, Senior Chancellor, Florida Department of Education

J. Alex Kelly, Chief of Staff, Florida Department of Education

4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Main Conference Room

Fireside Chat on Education, Equity and More!

Discussion with John King to discuss his experience and the serious issues facing education today including closing the opportunity and achievement gaps, social justice, equity for all students and so much more.

Wendy Spencer, (Cornerstone Class 24), President & CEO, Leadership Florida

John B. King, Jr., President and CEO, The Education Trust, Former United States Secretary of Education

5:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Breakout Rooms 1-10

Table Discussions (Breakout Rooms)

Attendees will separate into several small groups to discuss the issues presented by the speakers.

6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Lobby

Class Breakout Rooms-Attendee Choice

Virtual Happy Hour

Grab your favorite beverage, it is time to relax and have some fun with your classmates and maybe make some new friends. We will play games and win prizes!

Saturday, September 26, 2020

8:30 AM - 12:15 PM

8:30 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.

Lobby-Zoom Meeting

Welcome

Wendy Spencer, (Cornerstone Class 24), President & CEO, Leadership Florida

Paul Burns, (Education Class 2; Co-Chair, Education Advisory Committee, Class Co-Chair Education Class 3; Class Chair, Education Class 4), Deputy Chancellor for Education Quality, Florida Department of Education

Charles Hokanson, (Cornerstone Class 36), Senior Vice President, Florida Community Engagement, Helios Education Foundation

8:40 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.*Main Conference Room
Zoom Webinar***Lessons We Have Learned and Are Learning from the COVID-19 Pandemic**

We kick off Saturday morning with a panel discussion from a diverse group of education leaders from across the state sharing the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Florida's schools. We will review the results of the ongoing research at the UF Lastinger Center, which highlights the importance of taking a trauma-informed approach to resume schooling, effective professional learning supports for teachers, effective communication approaches with families and communities, disparities in broadband connectivity, and the unique circumstances faced by early learning programs across the state. Our panel of experts will share their perspectives on the challenges, decisions, and leadership lessons that they have learned during this crisis.

Facilitator:

Phil Poekert (Education Class 3, Connect Class 6), Director of the Lastinger Center, University of Florida

Panelists:

Greg Haile (Leadership Florida Board Chair, Cornerstone Class 30), President, Broward College

Donald Fennoy (Executive Class 10), Superintendent of Schools, Palm Beach County

Jacob Oliva (Education Class 2), Chancellor, Division of Public Schools, Florida Department of Education

Paul Burns (Education Class 2), Deputy Chancellor for Education Quality, Florida Department of Education

Susan Block (Education Class 3), Chief Executive Officer, Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida

Jessica Solano (Education Class 3), Teacher Engagement Leader, Polk County Public Schools

9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.*Breakouts 1-10
Pre-assigned***Table Discussions (Breakout Rooms)**

Attendees will separate into several small groups to discuss the issues presented by the speakers.

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.*Main Conference Room***Break**

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Main Conference Room

The Future of Education (2030)

This program will begin with Dr. Paul Peterson discussing the Future of Education over the next ten years. What are the changes in American education that need to happen to ensure that we meet the needs of the students and their employers in the future?

Paul Peterson, Henry Lee Shattuck Director of the Program on Education Policy and Governance, Harvard University

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Breakout Rooms by Topics

Attendee Choice

Breakout Sessions-The Future of Education (2030) Continued

After Dr. Peterson's presentation, we will divide up into breakout rooms with education leaders and have more in-depth conversations on some of the more pressing issues facing Florida's future. Topics include- teacher readiness, equity for all students, non-traditional and personalized education, workforce readiness, policy issues, and ways that partners can engage.

21st Century Schools

Ben Jackson (Education Class 3), Assistant Superintendent, Detroit Public Schools Community District

Kelly Zunkiewicz (Education Class 3), Head of Educator Innovation, Impact Florida

Equity for all Students

Mandy Clark (Education Class 2), Executive Director, Impact Florida

Earl Johnson (Education Class 4), Executive Director of Leadership and Operations, Flagler Schools

Personalized Education & Non-Traditional Learning

Louis Algaze, CEO, Florida Virtual Schools

Sonn Sam (Education Class 5), Regional Director, Big Picture Learning

Workforce & Job Transition

Madeline Pumariega (Cornerstone Class 33), Executive Vice President and Provost, Tallahassee Community College

Henry Mack (Connect Class 9), Chancellor for Career, Technical and Adult Education, Florida Department of Education

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Breakout Rooms by Topics

Attendee Choice

Local & State Polices

Nicole Washington (Connect Class 7), Principal, Washington Education Strategies

Jen Mitchell (Education Class 5) School Board Member, Collier County Public Schools

How Can I Engage?

Jennifer Vigne (Education Class 4), President, Education Foundation of Sarasota County

Radha Rangarajan, Senior Program Officer for Global Policy and Advocacy in North America, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Main Conference Room

Closing Remarks

Paul Luna, President and CEO, Helios Education Foundation

12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Lobby

Adjourn

Wendy Spencer, (Cornerstone Class 24), President & CEO, Leadership Florida

Bike Giveaway:

Stephen Ponzillo (Education Class 6), Assistant Vice President & Community Relations Officer, Regions Bank



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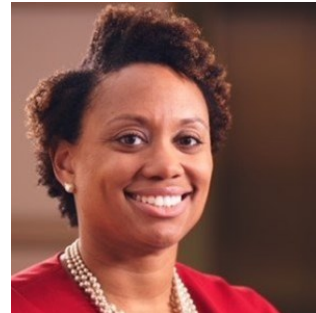
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Charles Hokanson
Senior VP, Florida Community Engagement
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Charles Hokanson is Senior Vice President, Florida Community Engagement for Helios Education Foundation, where he leads Helios' staff engagement with the community and stakeholders to improve quality, access, and achievement across the birth-16 education continuum.

Mr. Hokanson's career has bridged the worlds of nonprofit, private sector, and government policy development and executive management. As President and CEO of Hokanson Consulting Group. Mr. Hokanson provided strategic and public policy advice to nonprofit, think tank, trade association, and federal and state agency clients. Mr. Hokanson previously served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education at the U.S. Department of Education, as president or executive vice president of three national education reform nonprofits, and as professional staff to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and the Workforce. Mr. Hokanson graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Stanford University, earning a BA in History and American Studies and an MA in History, before earning JD and Master of Public Policy degrees at the Harvard Law School and Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

He currently serves as Chairman of the Florida Education Foundation's Board of Directors and sits on the governing boards of the Florida Chamber Foundation, Florida Philanthropic Network, and Hostelling International USA. Mr. Hokanson is also a member of the advisory boards for the Florida College Access Network (serving as Chairman), Florida TaxWatch's Education and Workforce Policy Council (as Vice Chairman), the Florida College System's Student Success Center, the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations, Leadership Florida Education Advisory Committee (as a Co-Chair), and the Center for Postsecondary Success at Florida State University.



Paul Burns
Deputy Chancellor for Educator Quality
Florida Department of Education
Education Class 2

Dr. Paul O. Burns earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Arkansas and his doctorate in Educational Leadership from Saint Louis University, where his research focused on teacher turnover in the state of Florida. Before beginning his teaching career, Paul lived and studied in France, focusing on second language acquisition. Upon returning to the United States, he started his teaching career as a French teacher in Missouri. He served in numerous school leadership roles in Missouri before moving to Florida in 2014, when he joined the Sarasota County School district as a school

leader. In January 2018, Paul joined the Florida Department of Education as the Deputy Chancellor for Educator Quality. His work focuses on improving student learning by ensuring that every Florida teacher and leader is prepared, developed, supported, and supervised by educators who strive to enhance and improve the teaching profession. Paul is a graduate of Leadership Florida Education Class 2, Co-Chair of Education Class 3, Chair Of Education Class 4, and Co-Chair of the Education Advisory Committee.

WELCOME FROM FLORIDA

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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Commissioner Richard Corcoran
Education Commissioner
Florida Department of Education

Commissioner Richard Corcoran moved to Florida as a child in 1976. Both of his parents grew up during the Great Depression and fought in World War II. They instilled a great sense of pride in public service and duty in him at an early age. From them, Commissioner Corcoran developed the principles by which he and his wife of over 24 years, Anne, who is also an attorney, teach their six children today.

Commissioner Corcoran grew up in Pasco County, Florida, where he graduated from Hudson High School. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from St. Leo College in 1989 and a Juris Doctorate from Regent University in 1996. While enrolled in college, Commissioner Corcoran also served in the U.S. Naval Reserve (1987-1993).

Commissioner Corcoran has been a practicing attorney in Florida for almost 20 years. He also served as the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives from 2016-2018. During his tenure in the state House, he pushed through over \$10 billion in tax cuts, eliminating over 5,000 regulations, the massive expansion of school choice, and the strongest ethics and transparency laws in state history.

Commissioner Corcoran is a passionate advocate for improving the education system in Florida. He fully believes every child can learn and that all children deserve the opportunity to receive a world-class education.

OVERVIEW OF FLORIDA EDUCATION



Eric Hall
Senior Chancellor
Florida Department of Education

Dr. Eric Hall has nearly two decades of experience serving in executive leadership, with significant expertise in the fields of education, youth development and juvenile justice. In March 2019, he returned home to Florida and became the state's Senior Chancellor at the Florida Department of Education (FDOE).

In his role at FDOE, he serves as a chief advisor to the Commissioner of Education and is instrumental in developing and implementing the state's top education priorities. He is leading the Department's efforts on Governor Ron DeSantis' education-related executive orders, which are centered around having the best instructional standards, the safest schools and #1 workforce education in the nation. The agency has put forth an aggressive agenda to ensure that all Floridians have access to the world-class education they deserve, and Dr. Hall is making substantial contributions to transform these student-focused goals into reality.

Prior to this position, he led renowned education initiatives in a number of positions in North Carolina. Most recently, as Deputy State Superintendent for Innovation, he oversaw multiple divisions and initiatives within the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. Eric was also the state's founding Superintendent of North Carolina's Innovative School District and, before that, the President and CEO of Communities In Schools of North Carolina (CISNC). In all of these positions, he built strong partnerships with state and local education leaders, as well as the business community, to support and sustain services aimed at improving educational opportunities for students across the state.

Eric holds a bachelor's degree in Secondary Science Education, a master's degree in Educational Leadership, and a doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of South Florida. His research has been published in academic journals and books, with topics focused on student discipline, the school-to-prison pipeline, school leadership, and non-traditional schools.

Eric is the son of two public school teachers, and his wife is a school social worker. Eric, his wife, and their two children live in Tallahassee.



J. Alex Kelly
Chief of Staff
Florida Department of Education

J. Alex Kelly serves as the Chief of Staff for the Florida Department of Education (2019-2020). Previously, Alex was the Vice President of Advocacy for ExcelinEd and National Legislative Director for ExcelinEd in Action (2015-2018), Regional Advocacy Director in Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas (2014-2015), and Director of Local Initiatives (2013-2014). Alex held other leadership posts in Florida agencies, including as Chief of Staff for the Department of Juvenile Justice (2012-2013), and Director of Legislative Affairs for the Department of Corrections (2007-2008) and Department of Elder Affairs (2005-2007). In

four stretches with the Florida Legislature, Alex worked in the House and Senate, most recently as the Staff Director for the Florida House of Representatives' Redistricting Committee (2010-2012). Alex also managed three state legislative and one congressional campaign. A Baltimore native and dedicated Manchester United fan, Alex received his B.A. from York College of Pennsylvania and M.A. from the University of Florida. Alex and his wife Leda are the proud parents of two puppies and a tabby.

FIRESIDE CHAT ON EDUCATION, EQUITY, AND MORE!



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John King
Former US Secretary of Education
CEO, The Education Trust

John B. King Jr. is the president and CEO of The Education Trust, a national nonprofit organization that seeks to identify and close opportunity and achievement gaps, from preschool through college. King served in President Barack Obama's cabinet as the 10th U.S. Secretary of Education. In tapping him to lead the U.S. Department of Education, President Obama called King "an exceptionally talented educator," citing his commitment to "preparing every child for success" and his lifelong dedication to education as a teacher, principal, and leader of schools and school systems.

Before becoming education secretary, King carried out the duties of the U.S. Deputy Secretary of Education, overseeing all policies and programs related to P-12 education, English learners, special education, and innovation. In this role, King also oversaw the agency's operations. King joined the department following his tenure as the first African American and Puerto Rican to serve as New York State Education Commissioner. King began his career in education as a high school social studies teacher in Puerto Rico and Boston, Mass., and as a middle school principal.

King's life story is an extraordinary testament to the transformative power of education. Both of King's parents were career New York City public school educators, whose example serves as an enduring inspiration. Both of King's parents passed away from illness by the time he was 12 years old. He credits New York City public school teachers — particularly educators at P.S. 276 in Canarsie and Mark Twain Junior High School in Coney Island — for saving his life by providing him with rich and engaging educational experiences and by giving him hope for the future.

King holds a Bachelor of Arts in government from Harvard University, a J.D. from Yale Law School, as well as a Master of Arts in the teaching of social studies and a doctorate in education from Teachers College at Columbia University. King serves as Professor of Practice at the University of Maryland's College of Education and is a member of several boards, including those for The Century Foundation, The Robin Hood Foundation, Teach Plus, MDRC, and the American Museum of Natural History. He was elected to Harvard University's Board of Overseers and serves on several advisory boards, including Former First Lady Michelle Obama's Reach Higher Initiative, the Rework America Task Force, the GOOD+ Foundation's Fatherhood Leadership Council, the National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement at the University of California, the National Center for Learning Disabilities, and the National Advisory Council for the Prenatal-to-Three Policy Impact Center at the University of Texas at Austin.

King lives in Silver Spring, Md., with his wife (a former kindergarten and first-grade teacher) and his two daughters, who attend local public schools.

LEARNING FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



Phil Poekert
Director, Lastinger Center
University of Florida
Education Class 3, Connect Class 6

Phil is the Director of the University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning. He is a native Floridian, originally from West Palm Beach. He graduated from New College of Florida before beginning his career in education as a member of the 2001 New York City corps of Teach For America, teaching middle school English in the South Bronx. He also taught in Oakland, Los Angeles, and back home in West Palm Beach before completing a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Florida. He lived and worked for the UF Lastinger Center in Miami for ten years before relocating to Gainesville in 2017 to take on the Lastinger Center's leadership. Phil has

refocused the Center's work on creating equitable education systems that support the achievement of the critical milestones of kindergarten readiness, third-grade reading, and algebra proficiency. Toward these milestones, the Center develops and maintains two large-scale learning platforms, Math Nation and the Flamingo Learning System, which serve a total of 500,000 students and 50,000 teachers annually. His research focuses on the impact of professional development and leadership on teaching and learning, recently publishing and co-editing a special issue of the international journal *Professional Development in Education* on Leadership for Professional Learning. He has presented at and organized numerous state, national, and international research conferences and symposia. At home, Phil and his wife, Claudia, are the proud parents of two young children: Penelope and Charlie.



Greg Haile
President, Broward College
Chair, Leadership Florida Board of Directors
Cornerstone Class 30

Gregory Adam Haile is the seventh president of Broward College. He assumed the role on July 1, 2018. Prior to his appointment, President Haile served as the General Counsel and Vice President for Public Policy and Government Affairs for Broward College from September 2011 to June 2018. Prior to joining Broward College, he was a corporate litigator.

Mr. Haile is a public servant, community leader, and an accomplished educator. He has championed his community by serving on over 35 board or committee capacities and over 20 Chair/President or Vice-Chair/President positions. Further, he and his family routinely volunteer their time to serve local charities and communities. He has also received dozens of recognitions for his leadership, service, and excellence in his profession. He routinely serves as a keynote speaker at events, primarily speaking on higher education's transformational power. As an educator, Mr. Haile takes time annually to teach a self-designed 4-credit course in Higher Education Law and Policy at Harvard University (Summer School). He previously served as an adjunct professor with Broward College, teaching Business Law and Ethics, and with Miami Dade College, teaching Business Law (self-designed).

Mr. Haile was educated at the Columbia University School of Law. He was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and served as the Editor-in-Chief of the National Black Law Journal and as an Editor of the Journal on Gender and Law. He received his bachelor's degree from Arizona State University, where he graduated magna cum laude and received the Most Outstanding Graduate award in his college. He received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Nova Southeastern University and is a fellow of the Vanderbilt University Higher Education Management Institute.

LEARNING FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



Donald Fennoy
Superintendent of Schools
Palm Beach County
Executive Class 10

Dr. Donald E. Fennoy II, a veteran educator who worked his way from elementary school teacher to Superintendent of Schools of the nation's 11th largest school district.

Dr. Fennoy served as the District's Chief Operating Officer since May 2016, overseeing a wide range of District functions, from School Police and School Food Services to Transportation and Planning & Intergovernmental Relations.

Prior to moving to Palm Beach County with his wife and two children, he was Senior Area Superintendent for Fulton County Schools. He served as Executive Director for non-profit New Leaders for New Schools: Maryland. While serving as a high school principal in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, the high school led by Dr. Fennoy received the National School Change Award. This honor is presented annually to six schools in the United States that have demonstrated the greatest academic turnaround in two years.

Dr. Fennoy began his career as an elementary school teacher with Orange County Public Schools, where he also served as an assistant principal. He is a member of the 2015-2016 class of the Broad Academy, part of the Broad Center for the Management of School Systems. Chiefs for Change named him part of their 2017 cohort of the Future Chief program. His alma mater, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, named him among the University's 125 most notable alumni as part of the University's 125th-anniversary gala.

Dr. Fennoy graduated from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University with a degree in Elementary Education. He earned a Master's degree in Educational Leadership and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Administration from the University of Central Florida. He and his wife Kendra are the proud parents of two beautiful children.



Jacob Oliva
Chancellor, Division of Public Schools
Florida Department of Education
Education Class 2

Oliva began his career as a special education teacher and, over the last 19 years, he has served in a variety of positions, including principal and assistant superintendent. Prior to joining the department in 2017, he served as Flagler County Public Schools Superintendent for 4 years. Currently as the Division of Public Schools Chancellor, he oversees K-12 operations, which include standards and instruction, educator quality and certification, exceptional student education, and family and community engagement.

LEARNING FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



Susan Block
Chief Executive Officer
Early Learning Coalition
Education Class 3

Susan E. Block, Ed.M., is the Chief Executive Officer of the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida. Susan has a strong background in early learning as a teacher, coach, mentor to providers, an administrator of children's programs, and an advocate for early learning policy and systems. She holds a Master of Education in Early Childhood Education from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Susan views early learning as a key strategy for strengthening children, their families, and their communities. Since early learning is foundational for educational achievement and economic success, she believes that ensuring that all children are prepared for school should be a top priority for all communities.

Since moving to Southwest Florida, Susan has been active in Kiwanis, FutureMakers, and Future Ready Collier, where like-minded community partners inspire her. They share her interest in building strong communities. On a statewide basis, Susan serves a leadership role for the Association of Early Learning Coalitions toward improving the statewide infrastructure supporting young children and their families. Susan aspires to see all children succeed in school and throughout their lives.



Jessica Solano
Teacher Engagement Coordinator
Polk County Public Schools
Education Class 3

In 2016, Jessica was selected as the Polk County Teacher of the Year and the 2017 Florida Teacher of the Year, representing 74 school districts and more than 175,000 teachers. Jessica served as the Christa McAuliffe Ambassador for Education. She traveled throughout the state, delivering motivational speeches and workshops focused on empowering teachers to create impactful learning experiences for their students.

To continue her efforts to improve instructional techniques and encourage teachers to engage in leadership roles without leaving the Classroom, Jessica piloted the Extending Excellence Peer Mentor Program in 2016 and Leading from the Classroom, a teacher leadership program, in 2017. Both programs promote teacher leadership by making instructional practices public and placing emphasis on teacher-to-teacher collaboration and mentorship. Today, Jessica works with Polk County Public Schools as their Teacher Engagement Leader by developing programs aimed at engaging teachers, providing opportunities for collaboration, and enhancing instruction through feedback-focused professional learning to bolster teacher retention and improve outcomes for students.

THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION



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Paul Peterson

**Henry Lee Shattuck Professor of Government and
Director of the Program on Education Policy and
Governance
Harvard University**

Paul E. Peterson is the Henry Lee Shattuck Professor of Government and Director of the Program on Education Policy and Governance at Harvard University, a Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, and Senior Editor of Education Next, a journal of opinion and research.

Peterson is a former director of the Center for American Political Studies at Harvard University and of the Governmental Studies Program at the Brookings Institution. He received his Ph. D. in political science from the University of Chicago. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the National Academy of Education, and has received fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the German Marshall Foundation, and the Center for Study in the Behavioral Sciences.

He is the author of the book, *Saving Schools: From Horace Mann to Virtual Learning* (Harvard University Press, 2010). He is also the author or editor of numerous other publications including the following:

- *School Choice International: Exploring public private partnerships* (co-editor with Rajashri Chakrabarti)
- *School Money Trials: The Legal Pursuit of Educational Adequacy* (co-editor with Martin R. West)
- *Reforming Education in Florida: A Study Prepared by the Koret Task Force on K-12 Education* (editor)
- *The Education Gap: Vouchers and Urban Schools* (with William G. Howell)
- *Generational Change: Closing the Test Score Gap* (editor)
- *No Child Left Behind? The Politics and Practice of School Accountability* (co-editor with Martin R. West)
- *The Future of School Choice* (editor)
- *Our Schools and our Future* (editor)
- *City Limits*
- *The Urban Underclass* (co-edited with Christopher Jencks)
- *Price of Federalism*
- *Welfare Magnets* (with Mark C. Rom)
- *The New American Democracy* (with Morris P. Fiorina, Bertram Johnson, and William G. Mayer)

Four of his books have received major awards from the American Political Science Association. Most recently, he was awarded the Martha Derthick Best Book Award for *The Price of Federalism*. The award is presented to the author of a book published at least ten years ago that has made alasting contribution to the study of federalism and intergovernmental relations.

Peterson is a member of the independent review panel advising the Department of Educations evaluation of the No Child Left Behind law and a member of the Hoover Institutions Koret Task Force of K-12 Education at Stanford University. The Editorial Projects in Education Research Center reported that Peterson's studies on school choice and vouchers were among the country's most influential studies of education policy.

THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION (2030)

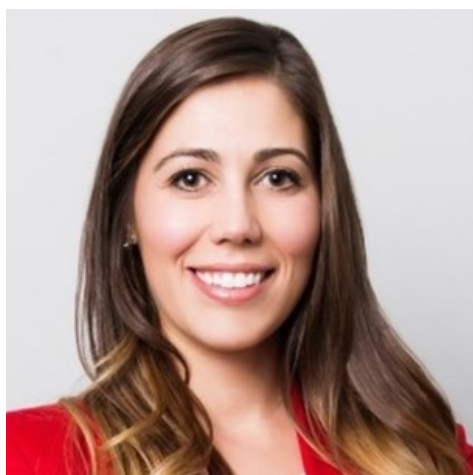
21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS



Ben Jackson
Assistant Superintendent
Detroit Public Schools Community District
Education Class 3

As Assistant Superintendent, Ben Jackson leads the Office of Human Resources for the 51,000 student Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD). Ben led the reform of talent acquisition strategy for the District and helped reduce teacher vacancies from more than 270 in 2017 to just 45 in the fall of 2020. Prior to joining DPSCD, Ben was a Partner at TNTP, a national nonprofit that supports schools and districts to deliver education outcomes for students. While at TNTP, he launched the Pilot Florida Implementation Network—a group of five districts working

together on the implementation of rigorous college and career ready standards in the classroom. Ben is a former middle school and high school English teacher and earned a B.A. in English Literature and a Secondary Education Certificate from the University of Colorado, Boulder.



Kelly Zunkiewicz
Head of Educator Innovation
Impact Florida
Education Class 3

Kelly Zunkiewicz is a nationally award-winning educator and Head of Educator Innovation at Impact Florida. She brings her experience as a classroom teacher and instructional coach to further Impact Florida's mission of empowering educational leaders to recognize, support, and scale great teaching practices. Prior to her engagement with Impact Florida, Kelly worked closely with the Florida Teacher of the Year Program and the Teacher Lead Network at the Florida Department of Education.

Kelly received TNTP's Fishman Prize for Superlative Classroom Practice in 2014 and the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching in 2015. During her nine years at Lennard High School in Hillsborough County, she taught twelve mathematics courses, ranging from Algebra 1 to Advanced Placement Calculus AB. Within Kelly's first five years of teaching AP Calculus AB, the AP exam pass rate rose from 11% to 80% and the female participation in upper-level math courses also skyrocketed to over two-thirds of the class population.

THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION (2030)

EQUITY FOR ALL STUDENTS



Mandy Clark
Executive Director
Impact Florida
Education Class 2

Mandy Clark is the President and co-founder of Impact Florida -- a non-profit organization created to support educational leaders, districts and teachers with the knowledge and tools they need to ensure that great teaching is consistently in place across Florida. Impact Florida's goal: more equitable opportunities for all students.

Previously, Mandy served as a Senior Policy Officer at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation on the education-focused United States Program Team. During her tenure, Mandy was responsible for managing multi-million-dollar education advocacy portfolios in the states of Florida, Texas and Colorado, as well as the national portfolios of Business Voice, Multi-State/ National Organizations and Personalized Learning. She also previously served as the National Director of Development at the Foundation for Excellence in Education, and formerly as its Director of State and Strategic Initiatives.

Beyond her work in education, Mandy has served in a variety of roles including fundraising, legislative affairs, communications and stakeholder engagement in the public and private sectors, across multiple policy areas.

Mandy holds a B.A. and M.A. in History from Florida State University and resides in Tallahassee, Florida, with her husband Chris and daughter Carmen.



Earl Johnson
Executive Director of Leadership & Operations
Flagler Schools
Education Class 4

Earl Johnson has been the executive director of leadership and operations in Flagler County for the past two years. In his current role, he is responsible for selecting, hiring, developing, evaluating and supervising school-based administrators. Additionally, he administers the functions of planning, transportation, maintenance, construction management, custodial services, facilities, government relations, interagency agreements and security. Prior to Earl's current position, he served as a high school principal in Flagler County. Before moving to Flagler County, he spent twenty six years in Volusia County, where he spent thirteen years as an elementary

school principal, four-years as a middle school assistant principal, five years as a high school assistant principal, and six-years as a high school math teacher. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of South Carolina in Business Administration, a Masters in Math Education and his Doctorate in Education Leadership from Nova Southeastern University. After four years of college, he spent three years within the NFL. Earl has three children, all of which are graduates from Florida colleges. His son is currently working on his Ph.D. in Public Health, and his daughter is applying for school to earn her Doctor of Physical Therapy. Earl's oldest son is an engineer. His hobbies are cycling, golfing, bowling and physical fitness.

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PERSONALIZED EDUCATION & NON-TRADITIONAL LEARNING



Louis Algaze
Chief Executive Officer
Florida Virtual School

Dr. Louis Algaze is the President & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for Florida Virtual School® (FLVS®), a statewide public school district in Florida. In this role, his primary responsibility is to set the strategy and vision for the district, which develops and delivers more than 190 online courses to more than 200,000 students annually in grades Kindergarten-12. Appointed by the FLVS Board of Trustees, he oversees the day-to-day operations for the 2,300-employee organization and is responsible for the overall performance of the school district, with a goal of improving learning outcomes.

Dr. Algaze is an education leadership expert who pioneered school improvement efforts through his work in Miami-Dade County schools for nearly 30 years. He began his career as a Miami-Dade County Public Schools teacher and quickly rose through the ranks, serving as a dean of students, assistant principal, and principal. He has demonstrated his ability to successfully manage all facets of providing a high-quality education, particularly school accountability, budgets, and the intricacies related to operating organizations that employ a large staff. As a result, Dr. Algaze has served as a mentor for principals throughout the district, state, and nation and was selected to represent North America on the University of Cambridge International's Principal Advisory Board.

He holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and a Master of Sciences in Education from the University of Miami, and a Bachelor of Science from Florida International University.



Sonn Sam
Regional Director
Big Picture Learning
Education Class 5

Sonn Sam, Ed. D is the Regional Director with Big Picture Learning, a national and international network of schools committed to activating the potential of schools, systems, and education through student-driven, real-world learning. He has been an innovative educator for over 17 years serving in the capacity as teacher, principal and district lead. In alignment with BPL's mission, Sonn has mastered and provides coaching around student-centered learning practices such as Personalization (Student Voice & Choice), Advisory Systems & Structures, Interest-Based Learning,

Internship Program (Real World Learning) and Authentic Assessments (Exhibitions/Portfolios). As a current resident of central Florida, Sonn is passionate about helping his community reimagine what schools could be. In his downtime, he enjoys spending quality time with his beautiful wife and three children.

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WORKFORCE & JOB TRANSITION



Madeline Pumariega
Executive VP and Provost
Tallahassee Community College
Cornerstone Class 33

Madeline Pumariega was named the Executive Vice President and Provost of Tallahassee Community College in May 2019. In this new role of Executive Vice President, she provides leadership and is responsible for aligning and advancing the high-impact practices within the College's three core divisions of academic affairs, student affairs and workforce development. Madeline's goal is to ensure that all students have a pathway to complete their degree or professional credential that leads them to complete their academic goals and helps them start a career.

Madeline M. Pumariega is the former Chancellor Florida College System. Appointed as the first female and Hispanic Chancellor in the state of Florida in August 2015, Madeline previously worked to build on successes of the Florida College System. Through her leadership, Florida became the 15th state to host a Student Success Center funded through a grant by the Helios Education Foundation. As a product of the college system, Pumariega began her academic career at Miami Dade College and returned to the college where she spent 20 years growing her career culminating as President of the Wolfson Campus. While at Miami Dade College, she developed innovative approaches to support academic progress and student success, ensuring that thousands of youth can access and complete college. Pumariega was instrumental in supporting workforce programs by leveraging key partnerships in the community.

Pumariega served as president of Take Stock in Children and is a member of the United Way of the Big Bend, Florida Prepaid College Foundation Board, The Center for Postsecondary Success at Florida State University, and Florida College Access Network. She serves on the Jobs for the Future Policy Trust. She was a Kellogg Fellow for the League for Innovation's Community College Excellence Program and Leadership Florida Class 33.



Henry Mack
Chancellor for Career, Technical and Adult Education
Florida Department of Education
Connect Class 9

A passionate educator, philosopher, workforce and higher education enthusiast, Henry Mack currently serves as Chancellor at the Florida Department of Education, overseeing the Division of Career, Technical, and Adult Education. As Chancellor, Henry is responsible for all of Florida's workforce education programs, including overseeing the offices of apprenticeship, adult education, all K-12 and post-secondary career and technical education programs, and helping to lead the Department's economic development initiatives. He previously served as a Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Miami where

he instructed courses in philosophical theology and topics related to science and religion. Since 2004, he has held various positions at Florida International University and Broward College, where he most recently served as the Associate Vice President for Workforce Education. Recognized as 2019 South Florida's 40 under 40, Henry frequently lectures on the future of the workforce, economic development, entrepreneurship, the value of a higher education, and issues related to ethics, religion and politics.

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LOCAL & STATE POLICIES



Nicole Washington
Principal
Washington Education Strategies
Connect Class 7

Nicole Washington, Principal, Washington Education Strategies, is a national education policy advisor focused on integrating work and education to build a stronger talent pipeline in Florida. Nicole is a strategic advisor for clients including executive and legislative policymakers, leaders of education institutions, higher education systems, and national foundations in order to build research-based policies, institutional frameworks, and investments that provide equitable access to high-quality education and careers. She served as higher education advisor

to former Governor Rick Scott, associate director of governmental relations for the State University System of Florida and the Vice-chair for the Education Subcommittee of the 2017-18 Constitution Revision Commission. She now serves on the board of trustees for Florida A&M University and Miami Dade College.



Jen Mitchell
School Board Member
Collier County Public Schools
Education Class 5

Jen Mitchell is a Naples realtor and currently serves on the Collier County School Board. She is a married mother of 4 children. Jen has lived in Naples for 23 years, but was born and raised in Lafayette, Indiana where she graduated from Purdue University with a degree in elementary education. Mrs. Mitchell taught for 1 1/2 years before she and her husband welcomed their first child and made the decision that she would stay at home to raise their family. That allowed her to spend nearly 16 years volunteering in her children's classrooms, serving on their schools'

PTO boards and School Advisory Committees (SAC), as well as the Superintendent's District Advisory Council, and the Champions For Learning Connect Now project. 6 years ago, Mrs. Mitchell decided to go back to work and obtained her real estate license. She learned very quickly the role that our schools play in the local economy. Often the first question she is asked by buyers new to the area is about the quality of education in Collier County. In 2018 she was elected to the Collier County School Board and is very grateful for the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the education of the children in her community.

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HOW CAN I ENGAGE?



Jennifer Vigne
President
Education Foundation of Sarasota County
Education Class 4

Jennifer Vigne is a fifth-generation Floridian who passionately believes education changes lives and is guided by a strong value system whereby all children can learn and succeed. Vigne joined the Education Foundation of Sarasota County in November 2015 as Executive Director, was appointed President in January 2017, and became President & CEO in May 2020. She brings more than 25 years of leadership experience in the nonprofit and corporate sectors.

Vigne holds a B.S. degree in Political Science from Florida State University, an M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from University of South Florida and is a Certified Fundraising Executive. Vigne serves as Vice Chair for the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations (CFEF) and is the Vice Chair of Tiger Bay Club of Sarasota County. Vigne is a member of the International Women's Forum, a Sarasota Women's Alliance member, past member of the Sarasota County Commission Human Services Advisory Council, past president of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Southwest Florida Chapter, past executive member of the AFP Florida Caucus, and is an SRQ Women in Business Leadership award recipient. Vigne is a graduate of Leadership Florida Education Class IV where she serves as class representative and proud lifetime member, Leadership Manatee, Leadership Sarasota, and a graduate of the Gulf Coast Leadership Institute. Vigne enjoys spending time with her husband of more than 25 years, three adult children, and their dog Finley.



Radha Rangarajan
Senior Program Officer, Global Policy and Advocacy-
North America
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Radha Rangarajan is a Senior Program Officer with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. She currently serves as advocacy lead for the foundation's work in Florida and manages a portfolio focused on policy and advocacy for K12 and Post-Secondary education.

Before joining the foundation, Radha taught at the Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) system as part of their ESL teaching faculty, teaching courses focused on developing oral and written proficiency. Radha also worked at the International Monetary Fund in External and Media Relations for six years, where she served as a primary media contact for print and broadcast media outlets including, the Financial Times, the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, Agence-France Presse, France 24, Al Jazeera, Dow Jones, Bloomberg News and BBC. Radha earned her M. Ed. in Curriculum Instruction and Design and Multicultural Education, from George Mason University, an M.A. in International Politics from American University, and a B.A. in International Relations and French from George Mason University.

CLOSING REMARKS



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Paul Luna
President & CEO
Helios Education Foundation

Paul J. Luna is a nationally recognized leader in philanthropy, education, and community development. Since 2006, he has served as President and CEO of Helios Education Foundation, where he has led the foundation in its efforts to create opportunities for individuals to succeed in postsecondary education. In this role, he is responsible for guiding the strategic direction of the organization, cultivating strong community relationships, and initiating strategic partnerships in Arizona and Florida. He brings more than 25 years of public and private professional experience to the leadership of Helios.

A native of Miami, Arizona, Mr. Luna graduated from Miami High School, and as a first-generation college student, attended Stanford University, where he earned a degree in Civil Engineering. In addition to his role at Helios, Mr. Luna currently serves as a member of Greater Phoenix Leadership, Greater Phoenix Economic Council, the National College Access Network Board of Directors, America's Promise Alliance Board of Directors, the Center for the Future of Arizona Board of Directors, the Partnership for Economic Innovation Board of Directors, and the Florida Consortium of Metropolitan Research Universities President's Council. He was Founding Chair of the Expect More Arizona Board of Directors.

2ND ANNUAL GATHERING OF EDUCATION LEADERS



Wendy Spencer
President & CEO
Leadership Florida
Cornerstone Class 24

Before joining Leadership Florida in March 2017, Wendy completed a five-year term as the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), often referred to as the "Nation's Top CEO of Service." Wendy was nominated for this federal agency role by President Obama, and the U.S. Senate confirmed the appointment unanimously. CNCS is a \$1.1 billion agency that annually invests an additional \$1.26 billion in matching local support to engage 345,000 Americans in local community service through AmeriCorps, VISTA, and Senior Corps and connects millions of volunteers in programs across the nation.

Wendy served Governors Jeb Bush, Charlie Crist, and Rick Scott as the CEO of the Florida Governor's Commission on Volunteerism, where she managed millions of dollars in federal, state, and local grants each year. During the state's record-breaking 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons, the agency led the state of Florida's coordination of donations worth more than \$85 million and engaged 252,000 volunteers, the largest mobilization of volunteers in the history of U.S. natural disasters at that time. Under Gov. Bush, she also served as Director of the Florida Park Service. She currently serves as a National Trustee on the City Year national board and has been named on the Miami Herald Top 50 Florida Influencers.

Wendy was appointed by President George W. Bush to the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. She was named a NonProfit Times "Top 50 Leader," an "Influencer in Aging" by Public Broadcasting Service's Next Avenue program, and served as Chair of the American Association of State Service Commissions. She has delivered more than 1,800 speeches, presentations, and trainings throughout her career.

Wendy holds a B.A. in Fine Arts and Speech Communications from Valdosta State University. She and her husband Ron have four sons, four daughters-in-law, two granddaughters, and two grandchildren on the way. She enjoys golf, snow skiing, travel, playing croquet, pickleball, and watching all sports, especially Florida State University!

2ND ANNUAL GATHERING OF EDUCATION LEADERS



Letreze Taylor
Director of Programs
Leadership Florida

Letreze Taylor joined Leadership Florida in November 2017 as the Director of Programs. She oversees the programming and execution of all Leadership Florida Classes: Cornerstone, Connect, Education, and Executive. She also manages the recruitment and selection process for each class. Before joining Leadership Florida, Letreze worked for more than 12 years at the Florida Association of Counties as their Director of Education and Events. She also served as Deputy Executive Director of the Florida Counties Foundation. In 2015, Letreze received the "Ethics in Government Award" from the Florida Association of County Attorneys for the ethics education programs she organized for Florida's county commissioners and constitutional officers. Her previous career highlights include lobbying for federally-focused associations in Washington, D.C., and staffing several Presidential and United States Senate campaigns.

Letreze earned her degree in Political Science from Florida State University and received her Certified Meeting Professional Certification from the Convention Industry Council. For more than a decade, she has served as an active member of the American Society of Association Executives and the Florida Society of Association Executives (FSAE). She served for five years on the FSAE Board. Letreze has also been an active community volunteer. She has worked with several non-profits in Tallahassee and served for five years on the board for the Boys and Girls Club of the Big Bend (BGCB). From 2015-2017, Letreze served as the BGCB Board Chair. She has also held leadership positions in the Junior League of Tallahassee (JLT). Letreze was honored with the JLT Community Service Award (2016) and the JLT First Year Active Member of the Year Award (2014).

Letreze and her husband Jeff live in Tallahassee. She is the bonus mom to three beautiful children, ages 19, 13, and 10, and full-time mom to their Goldendoodle fur-baby. Letreze loves to travel, explore, and enjoy delicious foods and experiences from around the world.

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