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DREAM co-CEO Eve Colavito Named a Pahara Fellow

The Pahara Fellows cohort is comprised of 24 leaders working to improve public education for low-income children and communities across the country.

New York, NY — DREAM co-Chief Executive Officer Eve Colavito has been selected as part of the next cohort for the highly selective Pahara Fellowship. Colavito is one of 24 fellows to join the Pahara Institute community, which is designed to strengthen and sustain values-driven leaders who are transforming public education so that every child is prepared to lead a free and fulfilling life.

“I am honored to be chosen as part of this exceptional cohort of leaders,” said Colavito. “At DREAM, we work each day to ensure that all our students have the tools and resources they need to reach their full potential, and I’m excited to collaborate with like-minded educators to help effect similar change nationwide.”

The Pahara Fellowship is a one-year, cohort-based program that identifies exceptional leaders in the educational excellence and equity movement, facilitates their dynamic growth, and strengthens their collective efforts to dramatically improve public education, especially those serving low-income children and communities. The Fellowship provides these leaders with the unusual opportunity to step back from their demanding daily work to reflect with peers on their collective and individual impact as leaders and change agents. Fellows challenge each other to think beyond traditional silos and sector boundaries to develop strategies that enhance their effectiveness as leaders, address leadership challenges in public education, and accelerate the improvements needed to provide high-quality learning opportunities for all of our nation’s children.

Before being named co-CEO in 2021, Colavito was DREAM’s Chief Education Officer and drove the design and integration of the organization’s Grow the Whole Child model, rooted in academic and social-emotional learning, health and wellness, and family engagement. Her 13-year journey at DREAM began as Director of Instruction, then as Head of School, where she led dramatic achievement gains and oversaw DREAM’s expansion to Pre-K and high school.

Colavito started her career as a teacher in Mmabatho, South Africa, before returning home to New York City to teach in East Harlem. She went on to become a founding teacher and director at Bronx Charter School for the Arts and eventually served as co-Executive Director alongside the school's founder. Colavito has a bachelor's degree from Brown University, a master's degree in Elementary and Special Education from Bank Street College of Education, and is a graduate of New Leaders. She has served as a Trustee of MESA Charter School in Brooklyn, NY and is an Aspen Scholar.

The full list of December 2022 Pahara Fellows includes:

- Amber Arellano, Executive Director, Education Trust - Midwest
- Cara Candal, Policy Managing Director, ExcelinEd
- John Carwell, Jr., Education Associate, Delaware Department of Education
- Eve Colavito, co-Chief Executive Officer, DREAM
- Keniq Coney, Chief Schools Officer, The Seed Foundation
- Oscar E. Cruz, Chief Executive Officer, Citizen Schools
- Daniel Foley, Senior Vice President, Enterprise Planning, City Year Inc.
- Miguel Gonzalez, Executive Director, Great Work, Inc.
- Andy Johnson, Executive Director, Sage International Network of Schools
- Patrick Jones, Senior Vice President of Leadership and Equity, The Mind Trust
- Charmayne Joseph, Interim Chief of Middle Schools, Achievement First
- Scott Laband, President, Colorado Succeeds
- Mabel Lajes-Guiteras, Vice President, Charter Schools Growth Fund
- Kat Ling, Chief Executive Officer, Moonshot Edventures
- Anne Zummo Malone, Chief of Growth and Impact, AppleTree Institute for Education Innovation
- Makeda Mays Green, Senior Vice President, Nickelodeon Digital and Cultural Consumer Insights, Paramount
- Arthur Mills IV, Chief Operating Officer, America's Promise Alliance
- Beth Purvis, Senior Program Director, Kern Family Foundation
- Lisa Maria Rhodes, Founder, ALAS
- Jon Rybka, Chief Executive Officer, Republic Schools
- Mini'imah Shaheed, Chief Executive Officer, KIPP Metro Atlanta Schools
- Aneesh Sohoni, Chief Executive Officer, One Million Degrees
- Elsie Urueta Pollock, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Tulsa Honor Academy
- Dionel Waters, Executive Director, IDEA Public Schools - Tarrant County Region

To access bios and photos of the Pahara Fellows, click [here](#).

About the Pahara Institute

The Pahara Institute seeks to strengthen the movement for educational excellence and equity by developing and sustaining values-driven leaders. The guiding principle of the Pahara Institute is that bold improvements are needed in our public schools so that every child in America is

prepared to lead a free and fulfilling life. Pahara's programs are designed to identify leaders in education innovation, and through a time-tested dialogue approach, strengthen and sustain their efforts to bring about critical improvements to our public schools. For more information, please visit pahara.org.

ABOUT DREAM

Originally founded as Harlem RBI, DREAM traces its beginnings to 1991, when a group of volunteers transformed an abandoned, garbage-strewn lot into two baseball diamonds for the youth of East Harlem. More than 30 years later, the organization serves thousands of children across East Harlem and the South Bronx through a network of free, extended-day, extended-year DREAM Charter Schools and community sports-based youth development programs. By developing a whole child model that is responsive to the unique academic and social needs of every child, DREAM is creating a future where all children are equipped to fulfill their vision of success. For more information on DREAM and its mission, visit www.wearedream.org.

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