



TFAM Monthly Minute

Teach For America
Celebrates
Black History Month



Celebrate Black History Month with Teach For America!

Throughout February, TFA commemorates Black History Month, a yearly celebration of the many ways Black and African American individuals have shaped this country's history and continue to shape its present and future.

This year's Annual Black History theme is [African Americans and the Arts](#).

Take a few minutes to read about [ways to engage during Black History Month](#).

Learn More



2024 SCHOOL LEADERS OF COLOR CONFERENCE



Teach For America hosted its annual national School Leaders of Color Conference. Massachusetts had 10 school leaders represented among hundreds of attendees. Alejandra Gil (Massachusetts '16), Kelly Garcia (Massachusetts '15) and Darren Gray (Mississippi '14), all school leaders at Excel Academy Charter Network, are pictured above at the event.

The Teachers' Lounge Hosted MFA First Friday Event "Tender Love & Care"



The Teachers' Lounge (TTL) partnered with the Museum of Fine Arts "First Friday" to have a fireside chat with Black educators and teacher leaders to talk about how to create loving communities of support and accountability for each other in ed spaces.

With increasing diversity in teaching and school leadership, the panel focused on how educators working within school systems lift each other up, hold each other accountable, while dismantling all systems of oppression for the sake of the future of our students. Panelists included Devin Morris, Co-Founder and Executive Director of TTL, Edverette Brewster, Leadership Coach at Lynch Leadership Academy (Massachusetts '11 alum), Chantel Alves, K2 Teacher at Boston Public Schools and Doctoral Candidate (Massachusetts '15 alum), and Gavin Smith, Principal at Boston Public Schools.

Alum Chelsea Banks Leads Salem Innovation Project to Foster Student Engagement



Chelsea Banks, Greater New Orleans 2009 alum, is leading a pilot program in Salem that uses innovative techniques to foster student engagement. In its first year of the project, chronic absenteeism dropped by 50%, twice the number of students in the cohort reported that they loved school, and students outperformed their peers on

their ELA and Science MCAS tests. Read more about the pilot program, which doubled in size this year and will scale to serve all 8th grade students in Salem next year, and its momentum [here](#).



Apply to the Transformative Leaders of Massachusetts Fellowship today!

Middle and high school educators interested in exploring school leadership should apply to the Transformative Leaders of Massachusetts fellowship! Fellows receive two years of training in school design and

leadership, leveraging an apprenticeship model with hands-on learning, mentorship, licensure support, and a stipend of \$20,000 while staying in their current positions. Educators interested in learning more should check out the website. Applications are due **by Feb. 29**.



Apply Today to the Classroom Leaders of Color (CLOC) Fellowship

The CLOC Fellowship is expanding!

Are you interested in being a driving force for positive change within your educational community? The Classroom Leaders of Color Fellowship (CLOC) is expanding beyond Boston, and we invite you to be part of this impactful journey.

District and school leaders, fill out the [interest form](#) now and be part of the CLOC Family!

Fellows will receive:

- One to One Coaching & Mentoring
- Growing community of educators with shared identities
- Professional development focused on leadership development and wellness.

Qualifications:

- Boston and greater Boston based Classroom Teacher
- 2-4 years of teaching experience
- Teaching grades K-12
- Excited to learn and grow.

[Schedule a one-on-one meeting with the Director of Learning and Development, Evelyn Jean-Louis](#)



Grow Your Career with LEE's Career On Ramp

[In this virtual, self-paced, six-step program](#), you'll work to develop a resume, cover letter, and other applicable work materials to successfully transition into a fulfilling policy, advocacy, or organizing career. Once you complete the steps, you can link up with one of our highly knowledgeable LEE coaches who can continue to support you in your search for your coveted new position.

Participate Now

Opportunities to Learn, Grow & Connect

The Black LEEdership Experience

In honor of Black History Month and the civic pioneers who have paved the way, connect with today's leaders who are making strides on the journey for equity in [The Black LEEdership Experience](#). Join LEE for this 90-minute discussion to hear from Black elected officials and leaders in the private sector about their experiences, navigating their identity, and their civic interest goals. [Reserve Your Spot](#)
Thursday, February 29, 2024 | 6 PM–7:30 PM ET (Virtual)

Register for the 2024 Boston

Calling all teaching candidates from across the Greater Boston area to attend the 10th Annual Boston Diversity Career Fair for

Diversity Career Fair for Educators

Educators, co-sponsored by the Boston Public Schools, the Teachers' Lounge, and the Boston Compact, which is a partnership of district, charter, and Catholic schools across the City.

The 2024 Diversity Career Fair for Teachers will be held in-person in the Student Commons of Roxbury Community College, Building 3, 1234 Columbus Ave, Roxbury, MA 02120 on **Thursday, March 7, 2024** from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. There will be a reception from 5:00pm-6:00pm and the fair from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

For Candidates: [Registration](#) is NOW open!

For Boston Schools & District ONLY: Please register by Friday, **February 16, 2024** for your school to be included in the booklet and to participate.

Click this [link](#) to register your school (this is open to Boston schools only)

Rollins Center for Language and Literacy:

Check out this FREE [Professional Development for Teachers](#), School Leaders, & Systems Leaders! We've partnered with the Rollins Center for Language and Literacy to bring an inspirational session on the Science of Reading: An Intersection of Literacy and Equity on **Wednesday, February 21** from 5-6:30 pm EST. Share with a friend or colleague! Open to Teach For America alum and non-alum. [Register here!](#)

Education First

Education First: FREE [Professional Development](#) for Talent Leaders, Hiring Managers, School & Systems Leaders! I Explore Strategic School Staffing: Enabling a More Diverse, Team-Based Education

Workforce on **Thursday, February 29** with Education First! Don't forget to bring a friend or a colleague! Open to Teach For America alum and non-alum. [Register here!](#)

Job Opportunities in Our Network

Below are a selection of exciting job opportunities that have been shared with us by our partner schools across Massachusetts!

- [High School Math Assistant Principal](#), Brooke Charter Schools
- [High School Science Teacher](#), Match Charter Public School
- Middle School Science Teacher, Spark Academy Middle School:
Contact [Amy Heuton](#)
- Sub-separate Special Education Teacher, Spark Academy Middle School: Contact [Amy Heuton](#)
- [High School Chemistry Teacher](#), Veritas Prep Charter School (Western Mass)
- [High School History Teacher](#), Atlantis Charter School (South Coast)

Have a job opportunity to share with our alum network?

Fill out this [Opportunity Form](#).

Questions about this?

Reach out to [Emily Crump](#), SMD of Talent.



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