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Panel Discussion

- Feel free to submit questions via chat.
- Some questions may be answered during the discussion, while others may be saved for the end.
- There will be resources shared at the end of the call regarding other Civic & Public Policy Leadership Opportunities.

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Rachel Evans | EVP, Chief Revenue & Development Officer, Teach For America (Baltimore '06, WHF 2017-2018)



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Panelists



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Dr. Warren Morgan
CEO, Cleveland
Metropolitan School
District



Dr. Ryan Tauriainen
Executive Director, D.C.
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As TFA alums, we share some things in common: commitment to service, a commitment to the public good, an interest in challenging, proximate work that grows your leadership. The White House Fellows program shares some similar characteristics.

Q: What did the Fellowship offer you in your own development or career trajectory that felt really unique from TFA?

We just had a Presidential election. We are increasingly living in a very politically polarized country where it feels like the day after the election, half the country is jubilant and half is devastated. The White House Fellows program is nonpartisan but you work in partisan contexts.

Q: How does that work – both within the cohort and in your placement site?

Q: What is one thing you wish you knew going into the application process OR your Fellowship year that you know now?



Q&A



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WHF Year	Name
00-01	Lee McGoldrick
02-03	Heather Graham
08-09	Chris Meyer
09-10	Marc Sternberg
12-13	Jason Washington
13-14	Daniel Feehan

WHF Year	Name
15-16	Maxeme Tuchman
16-17	Warren Morgan
17-18	Rachel Evans
17-18	Jake Steel
19-20	Ryan Tauriainen
20-21	Pia Dandiya
21-22	Brittany Stich

Civic & Public Policy Leadership Opportunities



Resources & Opportunities From TFA's Office of Equity & Belonging

See our Teach For America partners and collaborators that provide Internships, Fellowships, Academies and other programs that support the development of leaders interested in public service careers and public policy positions. They offer numerous educational and leadership development programs for individuals ranging from high school, undergraduate students to young professionals with graduate degrees

- [The Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies \(APAICS\) Programs](#)
- [The Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership \(CAPAL\) Programs](#)
- [The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. \(CBCF\) Programs](#)
- [The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute \(CHCI\) Programs](#)
- [Udall Foundation Programs](#)



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Next Steps in Policy or Advocacy

“I really appreciated having support and feedback from my coach. While the job market has been tough, having this support made me feel like something would come through. Not sure how it would have felt without this support.”

Ready to pursue the WHF (or another civic leadership role?)

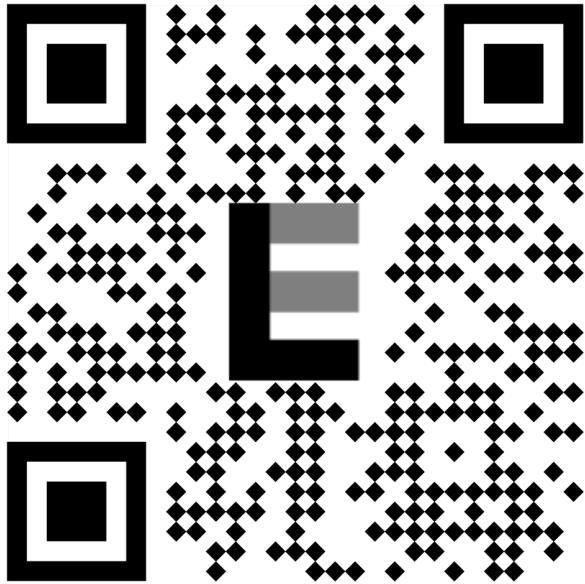
- **Career and Effectiveness Coaching:** Multiple formats of 1:1 and group coaching for leaders pursuing a career and impact in policy or advocacy. To sign up, visit: <https://wearelee.org/get-matched-to-a-career-coach/>

Not quite ready?

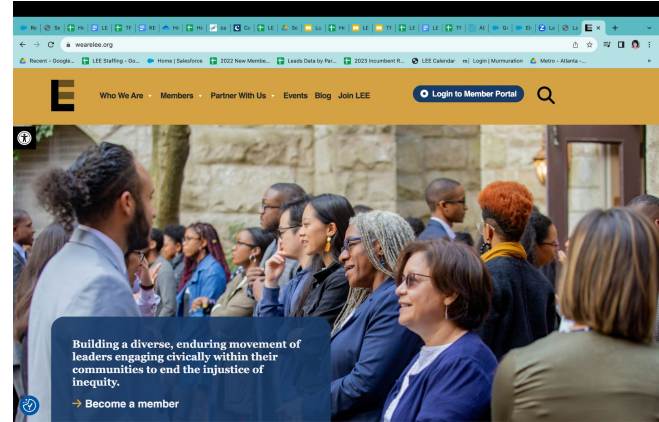
- **Upskill in key areas:** [Explore online courses](#) around Project Management, Policy Research and Writing, and more.
- **LEE Member-Facing Job Board:** Curated impact-focused [Job Board](#) exclusively for LEE members.
- **Fellowships in Policy/Advocacy:** [Summer and full-time fellowships](#) with applications opening in early December and January



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◆ Thank you!



A post-event Email will be sent
by **November, 20th** with the
event recording and resources.

◆ Thank You!



We'd Love Your Feedback. Please take a moment to complete the brief survey. Your responses will help us evaluate and design programming to continue to support and develop our network. **All survey responses are anonymous.**

Thank You For Joining Tonight's Event

For even more ways to connect with TFA's alumni network, explore the wealth of resources, events, and more on our online platform: [TFA Alumni Hub](#).



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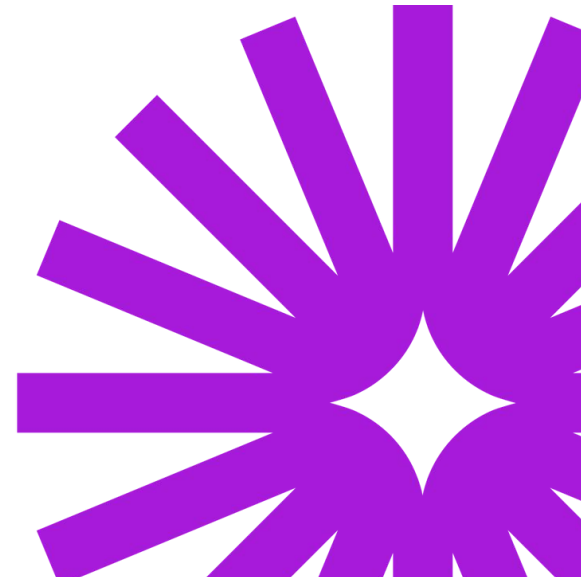
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Appendix

Panelists' Bios



**Teach For
America**





Rachel Evans
EVP, Chief Revenue &
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Rachel Evans (Baltimore '06, WHF 2017-2018) has dedicated her career to exploring how relationships, communities, and institutions can shape us for the better. As the CEO of CityBridge Education in Washington, DC, she partnered with practitioners, elected officials, and community stakeholders to design and build initiatives advancing equity and opportunity for children. CityBridge incubated and launched independent nonprofits like CityTutor DC and CityWorks DC, as well as multiple single-site public charter schools. During Rachel's 5-year tenure, CityBridge invested over \$15 million into the local education ecosystem, directly supporting schools, community-based organizations, and more than 300 educators and education entrepreneurs.

Previously, Rachel served as a White House Fellow at the Department of Defense, where she acted as the Chief of Staff for the Office of the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness during a crucial leadership transition. She also served in a variety of leadership roles at TNTP, first as the Site Manager for the Oakland Teaching Fellows Program, then as the Site Director for the Arizona Teaching Fellows Program, and ultimately as the Partner overseeing national business development and strategic growth. Rachel started her career at Teach For America as a high school teacher in Baltimore. She later joined the recruitment team, overseeing outreach and cultivation at colleges and universities in the mid-Atlantic region.

Outside of her full-time job, Rachel serves as an officer and chaplain candidate in the US Army Reserve. She is completing her Master of Divinity degree at Duke Divinity School, and also holds a BA in English Literature from Texas A&M, an MA in Teaching from Johns Hopkins University, and an Executive MBA from the Quantic School of Business & Technology. She lives in the Brookland neighborhood of DC with her wife and son.





Lee McGoldrick
VP, Legislative &
Regulatory Analysis,
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Lee McGoldrick (TFA Los Angeles '93, WHF 2000-2001) is the Vice President of Legislative, Regulatory and Policy Analysis for Teach For America. She has spent over 20 years leading at Teach For America, first as the head of the Regional Operations team, then heading up Growth Strategy and now focusing on government affairs and policy. Prior to joining Teach For America's staff, Lee served as a White House Fellow with the Department of Education under both the Clinton and Bush Administrations. Lee started her career as a high school English teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District, eventually becoming English Department Chair and a clinical instructor for the district's in-house educator certification program. After teaching, she became an attorney, serving as a Congressional Fellow focused on PK-12 federal education issues, an Equal Justice Foundation Fellow with the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights & Urban Affairs focused on local public education issues in the District of Columbia, and then a Clinic Supervisor and Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center. While in that role, she co-founded and served as interim principal and on the board of the Thurgood Marshall Academy Public Charter High School in Washington D.C., and was awarded the D.C. Bar Association's "Young Lawyer of the Year" award.

In her free time, Lee is a volunteer mentor and board member for a group of teens who launched and operate a youth-led community non-profit organization focused on childhood literacy, and has many years of volunteer service in local schools and community service organizations. She earned her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and B.A., Honors English Literature from McGill University. She lives in upstate NY with her husband, and they are the parents of two daughters, both current college students.





Dr. Warren Morgan
CEO, Cleveland
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Dr. Warren Morgan (St Louis '07, WHF 2016-2017) is Chief Executive Officer for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. As CEO, he leads one of the largest school systems in the state of Ohio with nearly 40,000 students and over 6,500 staff members. He was appointed by Cleveland Mayor, Justin Bibb in the summer of 2023.

As an experienced educator, Warren recognizes the potential every child has, and that an excellent and equitable education is the window to a world of opportunities for our children. He grew up in Chicago's south suburbs. Prior to his current post as CEO of Cleveland schools, he served as Chief Academic Officer for Indianapolis Public Schools, where he led the academic vision, strategy, and policy of the district that has led to improvement in student performance.

Some of his previous leadership posts include serving as Executive Director for Teach For America in St. Louis, a high school principal in Chicago Public Schools, secondary science teacher in St. Louis where he was awarded Outstanding Teacher of the Year, and he began his career as a bill analyst for the Illinois Senate.

One of the highlights of his career was being selected as a White House Fellow in 2016, where he had the opportunity to serve in both President Obama and President Trump's administrations. He was placed in the US Department of Education and worked closely with US Secretary of Education Dr. John King. He has the honor of serving on the White House Fellows Foundation Association Board of Directors currently.

Warren holds a B.A. in Psychology from Butler University, where he served as student body president; a M.Ed. in Educational Administration from the University of Missouri- St. Louis; and an Ed.D. in Urban Educational Leadership from the University of Illinois–Chicago. He is an alum of the Broad Center Fellow for Public Education Leadership at the Yale University School of Management and has an executive certificate in Nonprofit Leadership from Washington University St. Louis. He is an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Inc.





Dr. Ryan Tauriainen
Executive Director, D.C.
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Dr. Ryan Tauriainen (Hawaii '08, WHF 2019-2020) is an educational leader who brings a fifteen-year commitment to educational equity, expanding early childhood education, and service to his community. He is currently the Executive Director of Teach For America D.C. and Virginia, responsible for ensuring strategy, financial sustainability, and programmatic excellence for the region. Prior to this, Ryan served as a White House Fellow (2019-2020) in the Department of Education. At ED, Ryan helped streamline operations, manage education grants, and direct the Department's response to COVID-19, including overseeing the dissemination of \$30+ billion of emergency educational funding to states out of the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Ryan began his education career as a 7th grade ELA teacher with Hawaii Public Schools through Teach For America, where he was among the highest performing teachers in the state. He later moved to Washington, D.C. where he became a principal at age 26, the youngest ever in the district. During his tenure, over 90% of the students at his Title 1 School grew to test proficient in literacy and math. After years in school leadership, Ryan led at a district level, overseeing Early Childhood Strategy for multiple schools across Washington, D.C.

Ryan is the recipient of several local awards for educational leadership, including The Washington Post's 2016 Principal of the Year, and has national awards from Leading For Children, the Council for Exceptional Children, and the National Council of Teachers of English. A proud member of the LGBT community, Ryan was celebrated by NBC as one of 30 honorees on their 2018 international "Pride 30 List." He has a BA from Middlebury College, M.Ed from Chaminade University of Honolulu, and an Ed.D from the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education.

