



# The Worthy Educator

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## The Worthy Educator Announces Leadership Program to Support and Elevate Worthy Leaders

**WASHINGTON, DC (9/16/24)**—The Worthy Educator, a mission-driven nonprofit community dedicated to mid-to-late career educators working to have impact and build legacies that inform and transform the future of education, is proud to announce the formation of its new leadership program, WE Leaders.

This new grassroots initiative meets established leaders in education where they are and provides a safe place for them to thrive and grow across the breadth of their educational careers. The Worthy Educator provides monthly meetings for this esteemed cohort, and offers a variety of ways to connect into the work of evolving education to meet the needs of current students for their future world.

“The Worthy Educator is both honored and humbled to announce its Leaders program for educators who lead by doing and are making a difference in the profession!” co-founder Walter McKenzie shares. “Already well-established where they live and work, each of these outstanding young education professionals are expanding their influence globally through the efforts they make every day on the ground in schools for their students and their colleagues.”

Our WE Leaders are:

- Armani Alexander, a PLC Coach with the Memphis-Shelby County Schools in Tennessee
- Elizabeth Baisley, a STEM Instructional Support Specialist with the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District in New York
- Ryan Anthony Bell, a Student Services Manager with the Roanoke Higher Education Center in Virginia
- Joshua Bing, the Principal at Conway Middle School in Orange County, Florida
- Isabel Bozada -Jones, the Coordinator of Federal Programs/MTSS with the Reynoldsburg City Schools in Ohio
- Danielle Brown, a Middle School Math Teacher with the Salem City Schools in Virginia

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- Ramona Brown, the K-3 Implementation Coordinator for the Rollins Center for Language and Literacy in Georgia
- Cynthia Jacquet, an Assistant Principal for Sierra High School in Colorado
- Nayoung Kim-Weaver, a Cultural Wealth Practitioner with the Association International Educators and Leaders of Color (AIELOC) in Denmark
- Steve Lebel, the District K-4 Curriculum Director for the Golden Brook School in New Hampshire
- Johnnie Marshall, the Principal of Valdosta High School in Georgia
- Rama Ndiaye, a Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Advocate with the Association International Educators and Leaders of Color (AIELOC) in Senegal
- Donna Neary, an English as New Language (ENL) Specialist for Ooltewah Middle School in Tennessee
- Bianca Neri, a Teacher and PLC Coach with the Singapore American School in Singapore
- Kristina Pennell-Götze, the Head of Drama and Film Department for the Berlin Brandenburg International School in Germany
- Leah Pongratz, a Lead Teacher with the Washington County Public Schools in Maryland
- Dan Reichard, the Assistant Principal at Shreveewood Elementary in the Fairfax County Public Schools in Virginia
- Brandon Ross, the Principal at Muller Road Middle School in South Carolina
- Shellon Samuels-White, a Lecturer and Faculty Assessor for The MICO University College in Jamaica
- Adrienne Sanders, an Assistant Principal at Gold Hill Elementary School in South Carolina
- Hanako Sawada, an Elementary Music Teacher for the Singapore American School in Singapore
- Samantha Shane, a Teacher at the Morris County School of Technology in New Jersey
- Debbie Tannenbaum, a School Based Technology Specialist with the Fairfax County Public Schools in Virginia

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- Apryl Taylor, a Social Studies Program Specialist with the Orange County Public Schools in Florida
- Iyabo Tinubu, the Dean of Students for the International School of Beijing in China
- Will Tragert, the Head of Upper School for Cape Henry Collegiate in Virginia
- Monika Vereb, the Principal of Herndon Middle School in Virginia, and
- Davina Williams, an Elementary Science Coordinator with the Portsmouth Public Schools in Virginia

You can view the WE Leaders directory at <https://www.theworthyeducator.com/weleaders>.

We couldn't be more proud of this outstanding cohort of educators dedicated to excellence in education and committed to informing the future of our profession. We look forward to great things ahead for them individually and collectively!

*The Worthy Educator is an incorporated 501(c)(3) nonprofit community dedicated to serving mid-to-late career educators who strive to support teachers, administrators and education-based organizations working to build legacies of success. To learn more about how you can become a part of this thriving, caring community, visit [theworthyeducator.com](http://theworthyeducator.com).*

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