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Dr. Diarese George Named President and CEO of the Nashville Public Education Foundation

NPEF Appoints Local Leader with Deep Classroom and Nonprofit Expertise

NASHVILLE, TENN. – June 30, 2025 – After an extensive search, the [Nashville Public Education Foundation](#) (NPEF) announced today that Diarese George, Ed. D., founder and executive director of the Tennessee Educators of Color Alliance (TECA), will become the next president and chief executive officer (CEO), effective Aug. 4.

“From direct experience, including time as a teacher, Dr. George understands the challenges and opportunities in Nashville’s public education system,” said **Ralph Davis, chair of the NPEF Board of Directors**. “He brings passion and data-driven insight to his work and we are excited about what NPEF will accomplish under Dr. George’s leadership.”

Over the past several years, the Foundation has solidified its role as a catalyst for change by delivering tangible results for teacher professional development, teacher compensation, principal quality, and more. As a driving force in Nashville’s public school system, NPEF has built strategic partnerships, addressed systemic barriers, and engaged the community on critical issues affecting students.

NPEF sees Dr. George’s appointment as an opportunity to further strengthen educator retention, expand leadership opportunities, and bring innovative solutions that build on NPEF’s progress in ensuring all students can thrive in Nashville public schools.

“As a former teacher, nonprofit founder, and advocate, I know the power and exponential impact that great schools and great educators make in a student’s life,” said **Dr. George**. “I’m honored to lead NPEF into its next chapter and advance its strong legacy of building connections and partnerships that ensure every student in Nashville has the opportunity and access to succeed.”



Before leading TECA, Dr. George served as director of recruitment for the Nashville Teacher Residency, where he drove efforts to diversify the educator workforce by recruiting more people of color into the profession. Prior to that, he was a high school business teacher in the Clarksville/Montgomery County school district. Known for his deep networking and relationship-building skills, Dr. George has held several national and statewide fellowships, including Education Pioneers' Summer Fellowship, the Tennessee State Collaborative on Reforming Education (SCORE) Educator Fellowship, Hope Street Group Teacher Fellowship, and the Mosaic Fellowship, which empowers education leaders of color across Tennessee. His passion for advancing education is further reflected in his service on statewide councils, boards, and committees.

He has earned numerous honors, including Austin Peay State University's (APSU) Young Distinguished Alumni Award, the Tennessee Education Association's Presidential Merit Award, recognition as a Nashville Emerging Leader Award finalist, the 1954 Project Beacon Award, and the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee's Gamechanger Award.

Dr. George earned both his bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a master's degree in Corporate Communications from APSU. He went on to receive both an MBA and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Trevecca Nazarene University. He and his wife, Brittenee, are proud parents of five children.

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About the Nashville Public Education Foundation

The Nashville Public Education Foundation (NPEF) is a nonprofit organization committed to ensuring every child can thrive in Nashville's public schools. NPEF works to improve student outcomes in Nashville's public schools by identifying challenges and advancing evidence-based solutions. Since 2002, NPEF's role as a catalyst for transformation has yielded tangible results in areas such as teacher professional development, teacher compensation, principal quality, and college access. Learn more at www.nashvillepef.org.

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