



## **CAHN FELLOWS PROGRAMS**

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The Cahn Fellows Programs seek to improve large urban public school systems nationally by providing distinguished school leaders with advanced professional development and recognition.

## **February News & Updates**

**Inaugural Alumni Conference  
May 20th, 2023**

# Join us in New York



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# ANNOUNCING CAHN LEADERSHIP LAB PRACTITIONERS 2023

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Ramon Garner,  
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Paul Riskus,  
Chicago



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Chicago



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Chicago



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Miami



Calondria Williams,  
Miami



Everett Boyd,  
New York



Crystal Davis,  
New York

**Congratulations to our inaugural cohort of the Cahn Leadership Lab, our new program for Principals in their 3rd or 4th year. This 2023 cohort represents Atlanta, Chicago, Miami, and New York.**

**Nominations open  
for the 2023-24 cohort of**



# Cahn Distinguished Principals Fellowship

**Who can nominate?** Administrators or Cahn Fellows Alumni with knowledge of the applicant's leadership ability and student impact.

**May I nominate more than one principal?** You are welcome to nominate as many eligible principals as you wish.

**Who is eligible to be nominated?** Principals with 5 or more years of experience as a principal at the time of application, with documented success as a school leader in multiple areas.

To nominate a Principal, please click here: [Nomination Form](#)

## Kudos

### Lily Din Woo

Cahn Fellow 2003

Retired

Principal P.S. 130 Hernando De Soto

Manhattan, NY

Lily, former Cahn Fellows Programs Director has been recognized for her dedication and commitment over the past 30 years in her many roles in the NYC public school system, including 25 years as the Principal of PS 130.



**Congratulations Lily!**



### Joe Rigney

Cahn Fellows Programs

Guest Speaker

ExecComm

The Cahn Fellows would like to congratulate Joe Rigney on his retirement and thank him for providing high quality professional development to the Cahn Fellows Programs since 2005.

[Click here for Joy's full biography.](#)

**Good luck Joe!**

### Aracelis Castellano-Folkes

Cahn Fellow 2022

**P.S. 165 Robert E. Simon**  
Manhattan, NY

P.S. 165 was selected by the DOE as one of the first 9 Lighthouse Collaborative schools. They showcased their best practices in small group instruction for visitors across the city. They also had a visit from the Dutch Association for School Leaders (25 administrators from Holland ), who came to see their best practices in SEL & Student Leadership during their study trip to NYC.



**Congratulations Aracelis!**



**Kathy Flores**

**Cahn Fellow 2022**  
**Westwood Charter Elementary**  
Los Angeles, California

Kathy's school was recognized by the state as a 2023 California Distinguished School. Her school is 1 of 9 elementary schools in Los Angeles that received this recognition.

**Congratulations Kathy!**

**Nivan Khosravi**

**Cahn Fellow 2022**  
**Jesse Whaley Maxwell Elementary**  
Denver Colorado

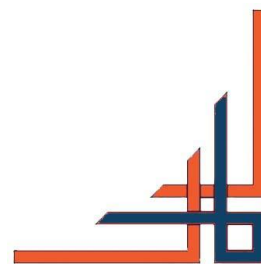
Nivan will be a featured panelist at the Colorado Council International Reading Association (CCIRA) conference.

[Click here for more information](#)

**Congratulations Nivan!**



**Alumni  
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# Cahn Alumni News



## Rosa Amato

**Cahn Fellow 2021**  
**P.S. 372 - The Children's School**  
**Brooklyn, N.Y.**

P.S. 372 was featured in edutopia on *How to Set up a Bike Bus at Your School.*

[Click here for the full article.](#)

**Congratulations Rosa!**

## Dr. Cynthia Hannah

**Cahn Fellow 2019**  
**Executive Director,**  
**Miami-Dade County Public Schools, FL**

Congratulations to Dr. Cynthia L. Hannah, former principal with Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Cahn Alum 2019, is now the Executive Director with School Operations, Alternative Education and DropOut Prevention with Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**Congratulations Cynthia!**



## Dr. Diana Vega-Nunez

**Cahn Fellow 2019**  
**Executive Director, Dallas ISD**  
**Dallas, TX**

Diana recently received her doctorate in Educational Leadership through the University of Texas at Austin's Cooperative Superintendency Program.

**Congratulations Diana!**

## Kelly Shannon

**Cahn Fellow 2014**  
**Deputy Superintendent District 2**  
**Manhattan, NY**

Congratulations to Kelly who served at P.S. 41, The Greenwich Village School for 27 years, 18 years as the principal, and has now been promoted to Deputy Superintendent in District 2.

## Congratulations Kelly!



## Jamie Hillegass

Cahn Ally 2014

Promoted to Interim Acting Principal  
P.S. 41 The Greenwich Village School  
Manhattan, NY

## Congratulations Jamie!

Were you promoted or given an award?  
Are you presenting or have you authored a book or an article?  
Don't forget to [share your good news](#) with us.

See more information about Cahn Alumni on our [Highlights Page](#),

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