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## **March News & Updates**

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

# Join us in New York



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We are pleased to announce our keynote speaker for the alumni conference Dr. Yolanda Sealey-Ruiz, an award-winning Associate Professor at Teachers College, Columbia University.

[Click here to learn more about Dr. Sealey-Ruiz](#)

## TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Click here for conference details & registration

## 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

### Laura Avakians

Cahn Fellow 2022  
Principal, P.S. 094 David D. Porter  
Queens, NY

P.S. 094 received a New York State School of Character designation. The only school in NYC to receive this award for the 2022-2023 school year.



## Congratulations Laura!

### Regina Marquez-Martinez

Cahn Fellow 2022  
Principal, Benjamin Franklin High School  
Los Angeles, CA

Benjamin Franklin is one of the 39 schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District awarded the

Magnet Schools of America Schools of Distinction.

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

**Congratulations Regina!**



**Richard Ramos**

**Cahn Fellow 2022**

**Principal, Northridge Middle School**

Los Angeles, CA

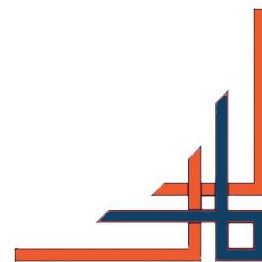
Northridge Middle School is one of the 39 schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District awarded the Magnet Schools of America Schools of Distinction.

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**Congratulations Richard!**



**Alumni  
Corner**



**Cahn Alumni News**

**Dr. Roshone Ault Lee**

**Cahn Fellow 2010**

**Principal, South Bronx Academy for Applied  
Media**

The Bronx, NY

Dr. Roshone Ault Lee was the keynote speaker at the Middle School Principal's Association (MSPA) annual conference.

[Click here to read more](#)

**Congratulations Roshone!**



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## Dr. Dawn Brooks DeCosta

**Cahn Fellow 2015**  
**Former Principal, Thurgood Marshall**  
**Academy Lower School**  
**Manhattan, NY**

Promoted to Deputy Superintendent  
in August 2022.

**Congratulations Dawn!**



**Elisa Brown**  
**Cahn Fellow 2007**  
**Principal, P.S. 249 The Caton**  
**Brooklyn, NY**

P.S. 249 was featured in edutopia on 4  
*Keys to an Elementary School Turnaround.*

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

**Congratulations Elisa!**

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## Antoinette Cass

**Cahn Fellow 2021**  
**Principal, Open Magnet Charter**  
**Los Angeles, CA**

Open Magnet Charter is one of the 39 schools in the  
Los Angeles Unified School District awarded the  
Magnet Schools of America Schools of Distinction.

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

**Congratulations Antoinette!**



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## Joey Denoncourt

**Cahn Ally 2021**  
**Principal, College View Elementary**  
**Denver, CO**

Congratulations to Joey Denoncourt Cahn Ally 2021 and now proud principal of College View Elementary in Denver! The school has just received a 2.5 year grant to build a rigorous math program. Joey would like to connect with Cahn Alumni who have focused on Math instruction and learn from their work.

Reach out to Joey at

joseph\_denoncourt@dpsk12.net  
to partner with him!



**Congratulations Joey!**

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**Lisa Epstein**

**Cahn Fellow 2017**  
**Principal, Richard Henry Lee**  
**Elementary**  
Chicago, IL

Lisa's school was featured in a recent article *Program teaches Chicago students financial literacy with real money.*

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



**Congratulations Lisa!**



**Mariela Graham**

**Cahn Fellow 2013**  
**Former Principal, The Urban Assembly**  
**School for Criminal Justice**  
Brooklyn, NY

Promoted to Deputy Superintendent in  
September 2022.

**Congratulations Mariela!**

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**Kelly Mest**

**Cahn Ally 2012**  
**Deputy Chief of Schools for Network 14**  
Chicago, IL

Promoted to Deputy Chief of Schools for Network  
14 in Chicago Public Schools.

**Congratulations Kelly!**



## Michelle Willis

**Cahn Fellow 2016**

**Principal, Gillespie Elementary School  
Chicago, IL**

Michelle Willis has been selected as an honoree for the 2023 Chicago Defender's Women of Excellence Award!

<https://twitter.com/mwillisaka/status/1627547436959891456?s=20>

**Congratulations Michelle!**

# Cahn Alumni Corner

## Cahn Alumni Opportunity

We are pleased to announce that Cahn Alumni are eligible for a Cahn Family Discount from Dr. Antony Hacking at Global Insights Consulting for the Neethling Brain Instrument (NBI).

Please contact them at: [NBICertification.com/contact](https://NBICertification.com/contact)



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