

# GLR Learning Tuesdays Webinar

## Technology-Assisted Teaching and Learning: Continuing the Conversation

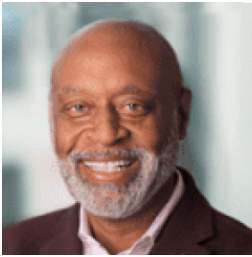
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Moderator and Presenter Bios

### MODERATOR

#### Kevin P. Chavous

##### Senior Advisor to the CEO, Stride



Kevin P Chavous joined Stride in January 2017 and currently serves as Senior Advisor to the CEO. He was a member of the Board of Directors from January 2017 to October 2017 before resigning to take his current position. Previously, he was the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of The Chavous Group, an educational consulting firm, a position he held from January 2012 until January 2018 and was a founding board member of the American Federation for Children (“AFC”). He served as AFC’s Executive Counsel from 2012 to 2016. Previously, Chavous was a partner at the SNR Denton law firm from 2002 to 2012 and served as a member of the Council of the District of Columbia from 1993 to 2005, where he was Chair of the Council’s Education Committee. He also has served on the boards of various charter schools across the country, including the Friendship Charter Schools in Washington, D.C. Chavous holds a B.A. from Wabash College and a J.D. from the Howard University School of Law.

### PRESENTERS

#### Eesir Kaur

##### Vice President, Program, Rocketship Public Schools



As Vice President of Program, Eesir Kaur guides the ongoing advancement of Rocketship Public Schools’ instructional model, curriculum design, parent engagement model, and professional learning program. Kaur joined Rocketship in 2013 managing curriculum and assessment development. She then served as principal of Rocketship Discovery Prep in San Jose where she led the school to new heights of academic excellence and family engagement. Kaur then became a Director of Schools, supporting Bay Area principals, and then Senior Director of Humanities and Professional Learning, supporting our national network. Throughout her tenure at Rocketship, Kaur has built a powerful legacy of developing leaders across our network all the while maintaining her own commitment to listen, learn, and continuously push herself to grow as a leader. Prior to Rocketship, Kaur was a teacher and coach at charter schools serving historically disadvantaged Black communities in Camden, NJ and Harlem, NY. In 2009, she was ranked as the 4th highest performing teacher in the entire state of New York while at Harlem Children’s Zone.

## **Mary Kemper**

### **Executive Director for Instructional Leadership, Coppell ISD, Texas**



Mary Kemper serves as the Executive Director of Instructional Leadership for Coppell ISD in Coppell, Texas. She has 20 years of experience in education that spans from middle school and high school classroom teaching to instructional coaching and district leadership. Her work can be found at the intersection of creative, high impact, efficient, and the love of learning.

## **Michael Lombardo**

### **Founder & Chairman of the Board, BookNook**



Michael Lombardo is Chairman of the BookNook Board of Directors, having founded the company in 2016. BookNook is an award-winning social enterprise that uses adaptive technologies to support reading skill growth at school, at home, and in the community. Prior to founding BookNook, Lombardo served as CEO of Reading Partners, building it into one of the largest children’s literacy nonprofits in America and publishing seminal research on

volunteer-based reading programs that was accepted into the What Works Clearinghouse at the U.S. Department of Education. A frequent author on subjects of education policy, social entrepreneurship, and nonprofit governance, Lombardo also served as a Social Entrepreneur in Residence at Stanford University and is a founding Advisory Council member of the My Brother’s Keeper Alliance, President Obama’s signature initiative focused on supporting boys and young men of color.

## **Eugene Narciso**

### **COO & Founder, Footsteps2Brilliance®**



Narciso brings over fifteen years experience designing and implementing innovative educational technologies, such as instructional content, assessment, data warehousing and curriculum mapping systems to bring about district and state-wide education reform. In his role as COO of Footsteps2Brilliance®, he is focused on creating successful systemic educational reform—statewide and district-wide infrastructures—to create critical mass

with the strongest adoption success rate within the country. Narciso began his career as an English teacher at Los Angeles Unified School District, and later became a Communications Professor at Illinois State University and Mount San Antonio College. He has a passion for helping accelerate the educational success of socio-disadvantaged populations, having previously served as an educator to these students.

**Diego R. Ochoa**  
**Superintendent, San Mateo-Foster City School District**



Superintendent Ochoa led the San Mateo-Foster City School District in establishing a 5-year Strategic Plan involving over 70 stakeholders representing teachers, staff, administrators, labor partners, parents, and community organizations. Along with the School Board, Superintendent Ochoa debuted new strategies to improve district-wide communication. Superintendent Ochoa has 23 years of educational experience as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, director, executive director, and superintendent. He has a strong background in curriculum, instruction, special education, equity, student wellness, parent engagement, and school facilities. Superintendent Ochoa previously served as Superintendent of both the Esparto Unified School District and the Hollister School District. Ochoa earned his Bachelor of Arts, Special Education Teaching Credential, and Master of Arts in Education from California State University San Marcos. Superintendent Ochoa also studied in the Urban K-12 Educational Leadership joint doctoral program at the University of California, Irvine.

**Jessie Woolley-Wilson**  
**President and CEO, DreamBox Learning®.**



Jessie Woolley-Wilson is President and CEO of DreamBox Learning®. Prior to joining DreamBox, Jessie held several executive positions in leading EdTech companies including, Blackboard’s K-12 Group, LeapFrog SchoolHouse and Kaplan. Jessie supports the broader education community by serving on several boards including Rosetta Stone, the Western Governors University Board of Trustees, and Ursuline Academy. She has been a featured speaker at events including TEDx Rainier, SXSWedu, DENT and GeekWire Summit. Jessie is a two-time recipient of EdTech Digest’s Leadership Award and was honored as one of 2018’s Top 100 Influencers in EdTech. Forbes placed her on its “Impact 15” list for being a disruptor in education and The New York Times featured Jessie in its Corner Office column. Regionally, Jessie has received multiple accolades, including Seattle Business Magazine’s Executive Excellence Award in the “CEO of the Year” category, GeekWire’s “Big Tech CEO of the Year” award, and the Puget Sound Business Journal’s “Women of Influence” award. Jessie holds an MBA from Harvard Business School and a BA from the University of Virginia.