

GLR Learning Tuesdays | Learning Loss Recovery Series

Ask the Teacher(s): What Could Success Look Like?

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PRESENTER BIOS

MODERATOR/PRESENTER



Roberto Rodriguez
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Roberto J. Rodríguez is President and CEO of Teach Plus where he spearheads the movement to grow and strengthen teacher leadership, by empowering excellent, experienced, and diverse teachers to advance change in education that will yield success for students. Roberto is nationally recognized for his expertise in education policy and governance and for his leadership in building multi-sector partnerships with schools, families, and communities to improve educational opportunities for all children.

Prior to joining Teach Plus, Roberto served in senior roles in the U.S. Senate and in the White House. From 2009 to 2017, he developed and led President Obama’s education initiatives to build systemic change and improve opportunity and outcomes across the educational continuum, resulting in an increase of tens of thousands of additional children enrolled in early education; an expansion of the Pell Grant to boost participation in higher education; and passage by Congress of the bipartisan Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015.

Prior to his service in the White House, Roberto led legislative and education policy development efforts for the late U.S. Senator Ted Kennedy, former Chairman of the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee. Roberto began his professional career at the nation’s largest Latino civil rights and advocacy organization, Unidos US, where he worked to elevate voice and further educational opportunity across the Latino community.

PRESENTERS



Peggy Brookins, NBCT
President & CEO
National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

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Former NBPTS Board member Peggy Brookins, NBCT, joined the National Board as Executive Vice President in December 2014 and was named

President & CEO in November 2015. Her long career as an educator includes many national leadership positions and accolades. In July 2014, President Barack Obama named Brookins as a member of the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans. She came to the National Board from the Engineering and Manufacturing Institute of Technology at Forest High School in Ocala, Florida, which she co-founded in 1994 and where she served as director and as a mathematics instructor.

She served on the NBPTS Board from 2007 to 2011. In addition, she has served on the board of, The Conference Board of Mathematical Sciences Ad Hoc Committee on Teachers as Professionals, the Content Technical Working Group for the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, a commissioner on the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), P21 Executive Board, and the SREB Teacher Prep Commission. She has been a national trainer for AFT (Thinking Mathematics K-2, 3-6, 6-8 Common Core, collaborator and national trainer for Thinking Mathematics 6-8), and a member of the PARCC assessment Content Technical Working Group. She currently serves on the Advisory Board of Digital Promise, NCEE Executive Board, Fund for Teachers Executive Board, Out Teach Executive, and the Executive Board of the Eddie and Jules Trump Foundation of Israel.

Brookins achieved her certification in Adult and Young Adolescent Mathematics in 2003 and renewed in 2013. She was inducted into the University of Florida Hall of Fame in 2009, is a Florida Education Association "Everyday Hero," and received the association's Excellence in Teaching Award. In 2013, Brookins was named an Aspen Ideas Festival Scholar.



Mel Coryell
Teach Plus Indiana Policy Fellow & Senior Research Fellow
Teacher, English and Theory of Knowledge
Shortridge High School in Indianapolis

Mel Coryell is a Teach Plus Indianapolis Teaching Policy Fellow. Mel teaches English and theory of knowledge at Shortridge High School. She serves as International Baccalaureate Diploma Program Coordinator. Previously, she served in the same roles for over a decade at Lawrence North High School, worked in university faculty development, and was a founding board member of the Indiana Association of IB World Schools. Mel is a 2015 Milken Educator Award Recipient, a two-time Bezos Educator Scholar, and a Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Grant recipient. She holds an MFA in Creative Writing from Butler University, a Transition to Teaching Graduate Certificate from Indiana Wesleyan University, and a BA in History and BA in English from Ball State University.



Natalie Brown
Teach Plus Texas DFW Senior Policy Fellow
Teacher, Second Grade, Mathematics and Science
Frank Guzick Elementary in Dallas

Natalie Brown is a 2019-20 Teach Plus Texas DFW Senior Policy Fellow. Natalie teaches 2nd grade mathematics and science at Frank Guzick Elementary and has held a distinguished teacher rating since the Teacher Excellence Initiative began in Dallas ISD in 2015. As a Distinguished Teacher Ambassador for the Skyline Feeder Pattern, she helps mentor fellow teachers in reaching distinguished teacher status within the district's teacher evaluation model and provides professional development on the teaching rubric and application process. Natalie has advocated for public education, teacher compensation, and educational equity. She holds a BS in Fashion Merchandising from the University of North Texas and her Alternative Certification certificate from Texas A&M Commerce.

COMMENTATOR



Jessica Tilli
School Based-Teacher Leader
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Jessica Tilli is a school-based teacher leader in the Philadelphia School District. She provides coaching to her staff around high-quality mathematics instruction and works closely with the district's math team to provide professional learning and curriculum writing for teachers in Philadelphia. She also works at the national level to present best practices around math instruction and has written curriculum to infuse math concepts into the field of STEM. She also serves as the Director of Social Media for both the Campaign for Grade Level Reading and Foundations, Inc. She is an advisory board member for Students Run Philly Style, a non-profit organization that provides inner city youth with mentors and in her spare time she can be found running the streets of Philadelphia with students. She is also a member of the Friends' Board of the Urban Affairs Coalition. She and her husband Seth are the proud parents of Liam (6) and Daniel (4).