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Welcome!

On behalf of ETS and Salzburg Global Seminar, we are delighted to welcome you to our seminar Springboard for Success: How Social and Emotional Learning Helps Students in Getting To, Through and Beyond College here at ETS’ home in Princeton. We are very pleased to be working in partnership to bring together policy makers, practitioners and researchers to discuss the importance and expansion of social and emotional learning (SEL). This seminar is part of our ongoing partnership around Education for Tomorrow’s World and follows on from SEL focused meetings within that series in Salzburg (December 2016) and Jordan (March 2018).

Social and emotional skills are basic human capabilities that allow individuals to manage their emotions, work with others, and achieve their goals. SEL skills can be taught, improved, and measured using a blend of different approaches and technologies. They interact with and complement other skills, including academic skills.

Researchers and scholars in the Canada, Mexico and the United States are advancing SEL research and practices in pre-K to 12 and post-secondary education and assessment practices. Much of the impetus in post-secondary education is the need for increasing the range of measures to represent qualities and characteristics of student success. We assert that the growing demand for post-secondary education by increasingly diverse populations of students strengthens the demand for, and potential utility of, new SEL assessments. While conventional indicators and assessments of literacy and mathematics are valuable in the admissions process, and for predicting student persistence and completion and career pursuits, colleges and universities are seeking ways to increase their rates of student success on each of these indicators. There is widespread belief that improving the assessments and expanding the use of SEL and affective development measures will contribute to the knowledge that institutions have about students and improve policies and practices that lead to higher rates of success.

The aim of the seminar is to examine how advancements in SEL research and assessment can be leveraged toward contributing to tertiary education, expanding opportunity, expanding knowledge of students’ needs for support, and improving student outcomes.

We feel honoured and privileged that representatives from Canada, Chile, Mexico and the USA have taken time out of busy work schedules to take part in this interactive seminar. We believe that it provides a timely and valuable opportunity to share knowledge and experience of what is working and what needs to change in order to make SEL part of the ‘new normal’ across education systems worldwide.

We hope you enjoy the seminar and we look forward to working with you now and in the future.

Best wishes

Catherine Millett
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Dominic Regester
Salzburg Global Seminar
DAY 1 — JUNE 6  SETTING THE SCENE

2 p.m.  Welcome and Seminar Overview
        Catherine Millett, ETS
        Dominic Regester, Salzburg Global Seminar

2:30 p.m.  Introduction of Participants
          What do you want to take away from the meeting?

3:30 p.m.  Setting the Scene: Supply and Demand Perspectives on the Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Landscape
          Chair: Catherine Millett, ETS
          Panelists:
          Noel Baldwin, Council of Ministers of Education, Canada
          Guillermo Hernández, National Association of Universities (ANUIES)
          Suzanne Ortega, Council of Graduate Schools
          Carola Suarez-Orozco, University of California, Los Angeles
          Q&A with colleagues

4:30 p.m.  Break

5–6:30 p.m.  Setting the Scene: Case Studies of SEL Programs
          Chair: Dominic Regester, Salzburg Global Seminar
          Jennifer Adams, Ottawa-Carleton District School Board
          Jennifer Baszile, Trinity College
          Sofía Frech, Ministry of Education of Mexico
          Q&A with colleagues
          Table Discussion: What key questions need to be addressed in our time together?

7 p.m.  Getting to Know You: Reception in Brodsky Gallery and Dinner in Solomon
          Description: Please join us in the Brodsky Gallery. On the lower left corner of your name tag are two codes (R, D). Please enjoy the reception with colleagues at the area with your R number. We will gather for dinner in Solomon. We ask that you enjoy dinner at the table with your D number.

          Our hope is that you will have met many of your colleagues by the end of the evening.
DAY 2 — JUNE 7  BUILDING ON THE ANALYSIS  STONY BROOK

7–9 a.m.  Breakfast in Solomon
   Please continue a conversation or spend time with new colleagues.

9 a.m.  Summary of Day One and Overview of Day Two

9:15 a.m.  Teaching & Learning: What Do Educators in Formal and Informal Settings Need to Create Learning Opportunities that Incorporate SEL?
   **Chair:** Dominic Regester, Salzburg Global Seminar
   **Panelists:**
   Jacqueline Hamilton, University of Guelph
   William Franklin, California State University-Dominquez Hills
   Emilian Rodríguez, AtentaMente Consultores AC
   Mark Sparvell, Microsoft
   15 minute Q&A

10:45 a.m.  Break

11:15 am  Knowledge Café: How Students Benefit from SEL Programming
   Each table host will lead a discussion about SEL learning through the lens of their work. Table hosts will record major discussion points to share with the group in plenary. Participants will select 3 tables and move every 25 minutes to a new table.
   **Tables**
   Rosalinda Ballesteros, Universidad Tecmileno
   Jonas Bertling, ETS
   Ingrid García Pinzón, Ceneval
   Monika Gibson, Virginia Techs
   Jason Klugman, Princeton University
   Kari Marken, University of British Columbia
   Agustin Paulin, GEMIINI Learning Systems

1 p.m.  At Your Own Pace: Lunch in Solomon

2:30 pm  Research & Assessment: What is the Current State of Research and Assessment into SEL and What are the Future Directions?
   **Chair:** Michael Nettles, ETS
   **Panelists:**
   Amy Kaufman, Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario
   Benilde García Cabrero, National Autonomous University of Mexico
   Patrick Kyllonen, ETS
   Jim Soland, NWEA
   15 minute Q&A with other participants and 30 minutes for group work
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4 p.m. Break

5 p.m. SEL Knowledge Exchange: Ask and Offer
    Description: We will form a circle and each of us will take a turn. First, we will make an ASK to our colleagues, and then we will make an OFFER. This will inform the creation of working groups for Friday.

7 p.m. At Your Own Pace: Dinner in Solomon

DAY 3 — JUNE 8  MECHANISMS FOR CHANGE  STONY BROOK

7–9 a.m. Breakfast in Solomon
    A great time to make a plan for post meeting collaboration(s).

9 a.m. Barriers and Opportunities for Social and Emotional Learning
    Before the session starts, everyone will write down three insights.

    Participants will pick a working group. Each group will discuss questions so that they can structure their feedback in the plenary session.

    Each group will need a rapporteur to represent their discussion in the following session.

11:30 a.m. Building a SEL Tertiary Education Picture
    Moderators: Catherine Millett and Dominic Regester

    Discussants:
    Panel discussion will involve sharing feedback from the previous session and looking at main priorities to advance for SEL in tertiary education.

1 p.m. Lunch /End
Jennifer Adams earned a Master of Education degree from Lakehead University and a Doctor of Education degree from OISE/University of Toronto. She joined the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board in 2005 and assumed her current role as Director of Education in 2011. Throughout her career, Adams has been recognized as a leader in curriculum planning and instructional practice. She has a keen interest in educational research and uses research to inform and support educational programs and practice. She is committed to working with the community to strengthen public education. Adams serves on the boards of the Ottawa Network for Education (ONFE), the Ottawa-Carleton Education Network (OCENET), the Education Foundation of Ottawa and The Ottawa Hospital. A sought-after speaker, she has been invited to present at a number of international conferences. She is currently the chair of the Advisory Committee for the Study of Social Emotional Skills in Cities with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Cristina Anguiano-Carrasco is currently a Research Scientist at the Center for Social, Emotional, and Academic Learning (SEAL-Team) at ACT, Inc. She completed her doctoral dissertation in research methods and psychometrics from the University Rovira I Virgili, Spain in 2013. Thereafter, she served as a Senior Research Associate at the Center for Academic and Workforce Readiness and Success at ETS (2014–2017). She has also been a visiting scholar at CITO, in the Netherlands, and the University of Massachusetts, in the United States. Her research focuses on noncognitive skills, response biases and improving measurement and assessment. Over the course of her career, she has published extensively, having developed over 20 different noncognitive assessments for different populations (i.e., K–12, higher education and the workforce). Anguiano-Carrasco is currently the lead scientist on a range of major ACT research projects, which focus on international adaptations and evaluation of social and emotional products and services.

Elena Arias Ortiz joined the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in 2011 as part of the Young Professionals Program. Her first rotation was in the Competitiveness and Innovation Division. Since then, she has been part of the Education Division. Before joining the IDB, she previously worked as a consultant for the World Bank, UNDP and the European Commission. Elena holds a master’s degree in economic analysis and a Ph.D. in economics, both from the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB). Her research focuses mainly on the development of skills, the transition of students to higher education and the workplace and the use of digital tools to improve learning. Her publication record includes international peer-reviewed journals.

Noel Baldwin has worked for more than a decade on postsecondary education policy issues, with a particular interest in promoting opportunity and excellence in Canada’s postsecondary education systems. He is currently the Coordinator for Postsecondary Education and Adult Learning at the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC), a forum that brings together Canada’s ministers responsible for education to discuss policy issues, undertake actions of mutual interest and represent education in Canada internationally. Baldwin joined CMEC from the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation, where he contributed to research on access to and success in postsecondary education, including contributing to the fourth edition of The Price of Knowledge.
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![Rosalinda Ballesteros](image1.jpg)

**Rosalinda Ballesteros** is the Director for the Institute of Wellbeing and Happiness at Universidad Tecmilenio, where she previously held the position of Vice President for High School Education. She earned a Ph.D. in humanistic studies from Tecnológico de Monterrey in México and a Master’s in Applied Positive Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania. She has 20 years of experience in education and curriculum design. She has worked extensively in peace education. She is currently part of IPPA’s (International Positive Psychology Association) Education Division and the representative for Mexico for IPEN (International Positive Education Network). The Institute for Wellbeing and Happiness is currently running a longitudinal study of the wellbeing of high school and university students at Tecmilenio in Mexico (56,000 students).

**Jennifer Baszile** is the Dean of Student Success and Career Development at Trinity College. She is responsible for designing and implementing initiatives to foster persistence and retention for all students and also oversees career education at Trinity. Prior to her current appointment, Baszile served as the Director of the Consortium on High Achievement and Success (CHAS). Before CHAS, she was an award-winning researcher and professor at Yale University. She has taught American history, African American studies and writing at the University of Connecticut, Yale and the University of California, Los Angeles.

Baszile holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in American history from Princeton University, and a B.A. in history from Columbia University. She has received grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Ford Foundation. Throughout her career, Baszile has received numerous awards for her research, writing and teaching.

![Jonas Bertling](image2.jpg)

**Jonas Bertling** is NAEP Item Development Deputy Director and PISA 2021 Context Questionnaires Project Director. He is leading research-based development of socio-emotional characteristics and opportunity-to-learn measures for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) and the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) at Educational Testing Service (ETS). His contributions to the large-scale assessment innovation agenda include: introducing new item formats (e.g., anchoring vignettes, overclaiming, situational judgment tests) and constructs (e.g., perseverance, intellectual openness, well-being) to PISA and NAEP and studying sequence effects and matrix sampling for enhanced questionnaire designs. In addition, Bertling has authored the PISA 2018 Well-being Assessment Framework. Before his tenure with ETS, he was a research associate at the University of Münster in Germany, Department of Psychology, where he also received his Ph.D. and taught quantitative research methods. Outside of work, Bertling enjoys traveling, running half-marathons and doing visual arts.

![Scott Burke](image3.jpg)

**Scott Burke** is the Associate Vice President and Director of Admission at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Ga. He is responsible for university policies and regulations that affect the admissions and new student enrollment. Burke also oversees the planning, development and implementation of recruitment strategies and special projects. He has been with Georgia State University since 2008. During his tenure at Georgia State, he has been instrumental in increasing recruitment and enrollment of domestic and international students. He was instrumental in the deployment of a chat bot into the admissions process to assist with lowering summer melt. He is passionate and deeply committed to working with students from all walks of life and backgrounds and helping them successfully achieve their educational and cocurricular goals. He is a world traveler and has visited over 40 states and 10 different countries.
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She is the national representative of the International Society for Emotional Intelligence (ISEI) and a member of the International Network for Emotional Education (RIEE).

She has been a chief advisor of the Mexican Ministry of Education and the General Directorate for many of its departments. She has also worked as an advisor for the United Nations agencies UNDP, UNESCO and UNICEF.

Her field of research includes concept formation in teaching and learning processes, the effects and development of social and emotional skills in education and the mediation of digital technologies in learning.

James Cole is an Associate Research Scientist in the Center for Postsecondary Research at Indiana University, where he serves as Project Manager for the Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement and as Research Analyst for the National Survey of Student Engagement. Both his research and his work with campuses focus on the transition from high school to college, specifically on how first-year students’ expectations for the first year of college pair with their actual engagement and how this relates to first-year persistence and other indicators of student success. His most recent publication, “With Retention, the Key is ‘Act Locally’” (2018), was included as a chapter in The First Year of College: Research, Theory, and Practice on Improving the Student Experience and Increasing Retention (Cambridge University Press). Cole holds a Ph.D. in educational psychology from the University of Missouri.

Carolina Flores is the Dean of the Faculty of Education at Universidad Alberto Hurtado in Santiago, Chile. Previously, she was the Head of the Division of Studies at the Chilean Education Quality Assurance Agency, a position in which she conducted research and developed instruments for assessing socio-emotional skills in the school context. She has many years of experience in academia. She was an Assistant Professor at the Department of Sociology and Research Associate at the Centre for Research on Educational Policy and Practice, both at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. Her other areas of research and teaching include school and residential segregation and market-based policies, quantitative methods and concerns about initial teacher training, teacher turnover and enrollment, and its effects on educational inequality.

William Franklin holds a Ph.D. in psychological studies in education with an emphasis in child and adolescent development from Stanford University. Franklin currently serves as the Vice President for Student Affairs at California State University, Dominguez Hills and is the former Associate Vice President of Student Success. While at CSU Dominguez Hills, he has been instrumental in securing close to $20 million in grants to design and implement several student success initiatives for low-income, first generation students. He served as an Associate Professor in child and family studies at California State University, Los Angeles and he served as an Associate Professor of human development in the Center of Collaborative Education and Professional Studies at California State University, Monterey Bay. Franklin was honored in 2015 with The Wang Family Excellence Award. This award recognizes four outstanding faculty members and one outstanding administrator who, through extraordinary commitment and
dedication, have distinguished themselves by exemplary contributions and achievements.

Sofía Frech is the Coordinator of the Construye T (Build up Yourself) program, which develops strategies aimed at teaching socio-emotional skills and improving the school social climate in Mexican public high schools. Construye T launched in 2008. In the framework of the New Educational Model (2017), the Ministry of Education (SEP) updated the educational model and officially incorporated the development of socio-emotional skills into the formal curriculum of all compulsory education. Her professional career has been developed in the educational and public sphere. In the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education (ITESM), she was the Director of the Center of Studies on Education. In the public sector, she has collaborated in several areas, including the Office of the President and the Ministry of Education. She holds a Ph.D. in government and public administration from the Complutense University of Madrid, a master’s in education from ITESM and a master’s in social development and education from the London School of Economics.

Diana García Colión studied electronic and telecommunications engineering and earned a master’s degree with honors in education at Tecnologico de Monterrey (ITESM). She has been working as an electronics teacher at CBTis74 since 2012. CBTis74 is a public high school that has 2,073 students and 69 teachers. She has lead the Construye-T and the Tutorias programs since 2016. For the Construye-T program, she works with teachers to implement the strategies for helping students obtain social and emotional skills. In her work with the Tutorias program, she helps students improve their academic performance by giving them individual follow ups. She also is a team leader for the Club of Robotics, and her students participate at the World Robotic Olympiad (WRO) contest every year.

Benilde García Cabrero is an associate professor at the Graduate Division of the Faculty of Psychology at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). She is a member of the National System of Investigators and has served as a consultant for several national and international organizations, such as the Ministry of Education, the National Institute for Educational Evaluation, UNICEF, UNESCO and OECD, among others, where she has coordinated various research, evaluation and teachers’ professional development programs. Her current research projects are related to the affective dimensions of teaching and its relationship to students' situational interest and academic engagement. She is part of the team of consultants of the Construye T Program, where she has designed, adapted and validated instruments to measure socioemotional skills for high school students.

Ingrid García Pinzón was born in Mexico City and is a psychologist in the Faculty of Psychology and a Ph.D. student at UNAM (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México). She has worked since 2007 as a specialist in creating context questionnaires, in which she creates strategies for renovating, analyzing and maintaining instruments and normative guidelines. Her activities have been focused mainly on constructing instruments for measuring socioeconomic variables, self-reports of cognitive and non-cognitive skills, socio-emotional skills, data processing and statistical analysis. She has also taught classes about factor analysis and introduction to structural equation models and their uses in psychology and education. During her doctorate, her activities have been focused on carrying out studies related to school choice and analyzing personal and social factors that may influence the decision-making process using mainly structural equation models.
Monika Gibson is the Assistant Dean and Director of Graduate Student Services at Virginia Tech. She is responsible for the development, management and delivery of services and programs that build community, support the professional development and network-building of graduate students and improve the quality of their lives. After a short career in the hotel industry, she has worked in various professional positions at three higher education institutions in Hungary and the United States. She has extensive experience in implementing institutional vision through managing change, developing and implementing policies and programs, advising students and organizations, planning and executing large and small events, and giving public presentations. She played a key role in the establishment of the award-winning Graduate Life Center at Donaldson Brown in 2005. Gibson earned a bachelor’s degree in hotel and restaurant management in Hungary and a master’s degree in educational leadership and policy studies in the United States.

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Rochelle Hendricks was the first Secretary of Higher Education for the State of New Jersey. As Secretary, she was responsible for policy and program development to enhance the capacity and competitiveness of New Jersey’s higher education institutions. Secretary Hendricks engaged the agency in the national higher education reform agenda while focusing on advancing the blueprint for reforming higher education recommended by the Governor’s Higher Education Task Force. Under her leadership, the office was reorganized to enhance implementing the reform agenda which, with bipartisan support, resulted in the largest academic merger in U.S. history and the first higher education facilities funding in two decades. She launched several groundbreaking initiatives to facilitate innovation, equity and continuous excellence in areas essential to the civic and economic well-being of the State and its citizens.

She has served on a number of national, state and local boards. Before joining the Department of Education, she worked for over 15 years at Princeton University in numerous capacities and has also served as a consultant for International School Services.

Guillermo Hernández is the General Director of Strategic Partnerships at the National Association of Universities and Higher Education Institutions (ANUIES). He studied industrial engineering at the Technological Institute of Aguascalientes, Mexico, and received a master’s degree in metallurgy and material sciences at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). He later received a Ph.D. in French and two post doctorates in Sweden and the United States, followed by an executive master’s in business strategic direction.

Hernández has been a teacher and professor in four countries. He has been the Director, Rector and Founder of several institutions in Mexico, including: the Research Center for Preservation of Infrastructure in Campeche, the School of
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Engineering at the Mayab University in Merida, the Polytechnic University of Aguascalientes and the Development Department of the Industrial Group Perfor. He was also a member of the National Research System (SNI) in Mexico from 1992 to 2009.

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Chiaki Konishi is an assistant professor in the Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology at McGill University. Her research has concentrated on understanding the roles of connectedness on children’s and adolescents’ growth and well-being in the framework of social-emotional learning (SEL) and development, with particular emphasis on the stigmatizing experiences of bullying and discrimination. She has been an active member of PREVNet, Canada’s national organization for Promoting Relationships and Eliminating Violence Network. Most of Konishi’s work has been conducted through collaborative partnerships with local schools and community agencies, with the aim
of optimizing social-emotional development of children and youth, as well as their learning environments. She has taught a unique graduate-level practicum course in SEL, the first of its kind in Canada, initiated by Drs. Kimberly Schonert-Reichl and Shelley Hymel, providing opportunities for students to develop a deep understanding of embedding SEL in educational settings. She is also a registered clinical counselor and has been a school teacher in the past.

Patrick Kyllonen is the Distinguished Presidential Appointee in the R&D Division of Educational Testing Service in Princeton, NJ. His work has resulted in several commercial launches of workplace, higher education and K-12 assessments. Kyllonen received a B.A. from St. John’s University, Ph.D. from Stanford University, and authored Generating Items for Cognitive Tests (with S. Irvine, 2001); Learning and Individual Differences (with P. L. Ackerman & R.D. Roberts, 1999); Extending Intelligence: Enhancement and New Constructs (with R. Roberts and L. Stankov, 2008); and Innovative Assessment of Collaboration (with A. von Davier and M. Zhu, 2017). He is a fellow of the American Psychological Association and American Educational Research Association and has co-authored several National Academy of Sciences reports: Education for Life and Work: Developing Transferable Knowledge and Skills in the 21st Century (2012); Measuring Human Capabilities (2015); and Supporting Students’ College Success: The Role of Assessment of Intrapersonal and Interpersonal Competencies (2017).

Jonathan Martin is the Director of K–12 Consulting Services for ACT®, responsible for the design and delivery of a new suite of support services for schools and districts in school improvement and social-emotional learning. He joined ACT last year, coming from a role at ProExam, in which he was a co-creator of the Tessera™ SEL assessment system, which is now an ACT product. Prior to becoming a full time consultant in 21st century learning and SEL in 2012, he was a school principal for 15 years, serving students in grades K–12 and developing/implementing many SEL programs. He is a co-author of the ACT Tessera Teacher Playbook, an SEL curriculum guide; A Rosetta Stone for NonCognitive Skills, a white paper published by the Asia Society; Eight Steps to Enhancing SEL in your School or District, which was published by ACT; and many other SEL publications.

Kari Marken is an educational designer and Ph.D. student at the University of British Columbia. As an educational designer, she creates strategic and design-focused approaches to enhancing campus life for the 45,000+ undergraduate student population. Within a broader professional sphere, this role responds to an emergent trend, in which designers increasingly apply their skills beyond product, graphic and technical processes and towards complex organizational and social systems design challenges. Her work is grounded in experiential learning models, creative design process, strategic design methodologies, arts-based & innovation pedagogies and teenage brain research. As a Ph.D. student, her research focus is on the importance of story and social engagement between faculty members and first-year students in the transition from high school to university. Marken has worked as a high school teacher, theater director, university instructor, international service-learning advisor, university learning strategist and educational designer in secondary, postsecondary and community-based institutions across Canada and in Turkey.

Catherine Millett is a Senior Research Scientist in the Policy Evaluation and Research Center (PERC) at ETS. Her research focuses on the factors leading to postsecondary readiness, access, success and completion for first generation, low-income and minority students at the undergraduate as well as graduate level. She chairs the Executive Committee of the Global Access to Postsecondary (GAPS) initiative.
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Millett has many years of experience leading applied research projects as well as conducting policy research and program evaluations. She has been a visiting lecturer at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University.

She directed the “Addressing Achievement Gaps” symposium series for ETS. Her last event was “Promoting Promising Practices for Black Male Success,” a four-part series, with the Children’s Defense Fund in Washington, D.C. that examined the factors contributing to and inhibiting the academic achievement of Black boys and young men.

Michael Nettles is Senior Vice President and the Edmund W. Gordon Chair of ETS’s Policy Evaluation & Research Center (PERC).

Nettles is a policy researcher who studies educational assessment, student performance and achievement and educational equity. His publications reflect his broad interest in public policy, student and faculty access, opportunity, achievement and assessment at both the K–12 and postsecondary levels.

In August 2014, President Barack Obama appointed Nettles to the President’s Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans. He was appointed by two U.S. Secretaries of Education to serve on the National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB), which oversees and develops policies for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). He also served for eight years on both the College Board of Trustees and the GRE Board.

A native of Nashville, Tennessee, Nettles earned his bachelor’s degree in political science at the University of Tennessee. He went on to receive master’s degrees in political science and higher education and a Ph.D. in education at Iowa State University.

Laura Ojeda Franco holds a bachelor’s degree in business management (Universidad Anahuac), a master’s in teaching and school management (UP) and a Ph.D. in education from UC Santa Barbara. As a researcher, she is a member of the Leadership and Educational Improvement Research Network (RILME in Spain) and of the Americas Organization for Educational Excellence (ODAEE). She is the founder of the Emotional Empowerment Institute and has lectured in both national and international seminars. She has received a series of awards and recognitions that include: Exelsis (2008), Razón de Ser (2009), Embajador para la Paz (2016), Legatus Sapienta (2016) and Doctor Honoris Causa (2017).

Ojeda Franco is the head of the Laureles Foundation, which provides education for underprivileged students. At the high school level, she combines work and education (Dual Education) to develop both relevant working skills and lifelong learning abilities.

Suzanne Ortega became the sixth President of the Council of Graduate Schools on July 1, 2014. Prior to assuming her current position, she served as the University of North Carolina (UNC) Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs (2011–14). Previous appointments include the Executive Vice President and Provost at the University of New Mexico, Vice Provost and Graduate Dean at the University of Washington, and the University of Missouri. Ortega’s master’s and doctoral degrees in sociology were completed at Vanderbilt University.

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