

Academic Strategy & Leadership

Goal-oriented educator and visionary leader in the academe.

Transformative educational consultant and principal with over 25 years of experience in comprehensive and non-traditional/alternative education. Recognized for successful academic program development and online learning integration. An advocate for students who aims to deliver high-quality academic development as a Director, Program Lead, or Educational Consultant in institutions with the same goal.

Areas of Expertise

- Curriculum and program development
- Collaborations and partnerships
- Academic policies, principles, and technology
- Team leadership and management
- Strategic planning
- Wellness and social-emotional learning
- Leadership Development
- Stakeholder management
- Budget and finance management
- Data analysis and result integration
- Teacher development
- Campus safety and stakeholder oversight

Accomplishments

- Revitalized William S. Hart Union High School District’s curriculum to adapt and integrate an online learning management system (LMS) for over 23,000 students during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Maintained a 98% overall student retention rate during the post-pandemic recovery period by collaborating on student support services with school educators and staff and ensuring an efficient transition back to the traditional learning model.
- Led the Academy of the Canyons to be named one of the “Most Successful and Recognized Middle College High School Programs” in the country by the Middle College National Consortium and National Blue Ribbon Program, after maintaining enrollment at 100% capacity and achieving 84% requirement completion among high school students who were also taking up Associate Degrees in an affiliated community college.

Career Experience

Method Schools Corporation

Director of Expansion and Program Development

2025- Current

I lead the strategic growth of the organization by identifying, designing, and launching innovative educational programs that expand access and impact. My role focuses on developing new school models, partnerships, and initiatives aligned with Method’s mission, while overseeing program planning, implementation, and continuous improvement. I collaborate closely with academic, operations, and leadership teams to ensure scalability, quality, and compliance, and I use data-informed decision-making to guide program design and expansion efforts. Through this

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work, I help drive sustainable growth while maintaining a strong focus on student outcomes and instructional excellence.

- Successfully facilitated the renewal of two long term charter authorizations and supported the adoption of a new seat-based charter authorization.
- Active participated and assisted in the developed of the internal Leadership Development Program designed to support and enhance organization leaders.
- Ongoing work with professional entities and governmental agencies throughout the design, development, and implementation of campus improvements and long-term strategic plant goals.

William S. Hart Union High School District, Santa Clarita, CA

Principal, Valencia High School

2020 – 2025

Oversee school operations, learning programs, and teacher training. Liaise with community leaders and partner institutions for students' learning and development programs. Represent the school in district and country-level partnerships and engagements with fellow academic institutions, organizations, and government units. Conduct informational meetings with parents, community leaders, and other stakeholders to address their concerns.

Spearhead security and safety enhancements. Manage resource planning, budget allocation, and strategic planning.

- Voted by peers as a recipient of the 2020 National Leadership Recognition (Life Changer) from the Educational Leaders of America recognition.
- Executed a rapid transition to online learning, ensuring education continuity and robust student and staff support.
- Organized a district-wide Principals Leadership Group where principals and assistant principals regularly discussed challenges, strategies, and best practices to drive systemic change in the academe, conduct mentorship and support meetings, and implement professional development workshops.
- Integrated diversity and equity initiatives, such as establishing a student-parent advisory councils, policy review and reformation, and community engagements.

Director of Student Services

2020

Initiated and oversaw programs championing students' well-being and development, including but not limited to those involving mental health, community health and safety, and social work-related services. Supervised district administrators and support staff. Coordinated and hosted community educational and wellness events.

- Established strong partnerships with the local Board of Education, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to implement wellness and social-emotional support programs for students.
- Implemented support services related to technology integration, communication channels, and equitable access to curriculum resources for students and staff undergoing the LMS integration during the pandemic.

Principal, Academy of the Canyons

2013-2020

Led the design of all educational programs, ensuring proper integration into the whole school curriculum. Worked closely with community college staff in executing programs for student's professional development.

- Drove excellence and quality learning leading the school to be named as one of the 2015 National Blue Ribbon School Awardees by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Awarded by Mometrix as one of 2016's Top 30 Most Influential Principals in California.

- Achieved remarkable student enrollment rate and graduation rate among students during leadership in the academy.

Principal, Learning Post Academy

2013-2020

Designed and managed educational curriculums, professional development programs, and student support plans. Headed the school's online content integration project. Supported the district in handling educational interventions and academic resources.

- Proposed and implemented a dual enrollment program uniquely designed for the online learning and access needs of the campus.
- Provided up to 400 students with highly qualified instructional and support resources.

Additional experience as Assistant Principal of Canyon High School and Principal of Sequoia Charter School, Hart @ Home (Home School) under William S. Hart Union High School District; Assistant Principal of Little Rock High School under the Antelope Valley Union High School District in Littlerock, CA; and President of Kansas Alpha Sigma Alpha Epsilon in Lawrence, KS

Additional Experience

Educational Consultant, President and CEO, Trolltunga LLC, Valencia, CA

Provide hands-on support and consultant services for education-related matters such as education program and infrastructure development, education-related legal proceedings, and resource and budget allocation. Conduct comprehensive needs assessment and program evaluations to identify gaps, establish new goals and benchmarks, and recommend best practices. Serve as an expert witness in legal proceedings by reviewing case documents and providing strong testimonies and insights during depositions, hearings, and trials.

- Supported numerous schools in enforcing fair and effective policies on staff evaluations and school safety, facilitating staff training sessions and safety audits, and investigating school incidents and allegations.
- Delivered professional development workshops with ongoing support to several teachers, administrators, and academic staff.

Strategic Development Coach

Partner with individuals and leaders to support meaningful growth by aligning personal insight, leadership capacity, and strategic action. This role integrates evidence-based coaching practices, leadership assessment, and adult development theory to help clients deepen self-awareness, clarify goals, and navigate complex personal and professional challenges. As a Strategic Development Coach, I work at both the mindset and systems level, supporting behavior change, decision-making, and sustainable performance while fostering long-term growth, resilience, and impact across leadership, career, and life domains.

Certifications:

- The Leadership Circle
- ACT/Brown Leadership and Performance Coach Certification Program

Education

Doctor of Education Degree (EdD), Administration and Teacher Leadership, October 2012

Walden University, Raleigh, NC

Published doctorate dissertation, "Teacher Participation in Career Pathway Development." Key contributor of "Rising Above: A Story of Positive School Conflict and Resolution" (2023) by lead authors JC Pohl and Ryan McKernan

MA Educational Administration, Tier 1 Administrative Credential, August 2003

California State University–Northridge, Northridge, CA

BS Education, Biological and General Sciences, May 1997

University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS