

Creating a Robust Pipeline of Quality Charter School Principals

School Leaders Fellowship

Florida Charter School Conference & School Choice Summit
October 2023










A statewide non-profit, member-driven association representing 712 charter schools and the more than 382,000 students they serve.

FCSA advocates for, supports, defends, and collaborates with public charter schools to influence legislative policy and environments.

We support our members as they develop, maintain, and grow high-quality public charter schools.



COLLABORATING WITH, ADVOCATING FOR, SUPPORTING & DEFENDING CHARTER SCHOOLS IN FLORIDA



We've created a pipeline of future charter school leaders — individuals working at a public charter school who are passionate about education and interested in leading a high-quality school in a high-need area.



SCHOOL
LEADERS
FELLOWSHIP

**Developed by the FCSA with a grant from the
Florida Department of Education**



Program goals:

1. Develop a robust pipeline of confident, visionary, and effective charter school leaders.



Program goals:

2. Expose participants to proven charter school operation and leadership best practices.



Program goals:

3. Connect future leaders with colleagues and mentors who will support their professional journey.



Program goals:

4. Graduate 20 Fellows by 2024



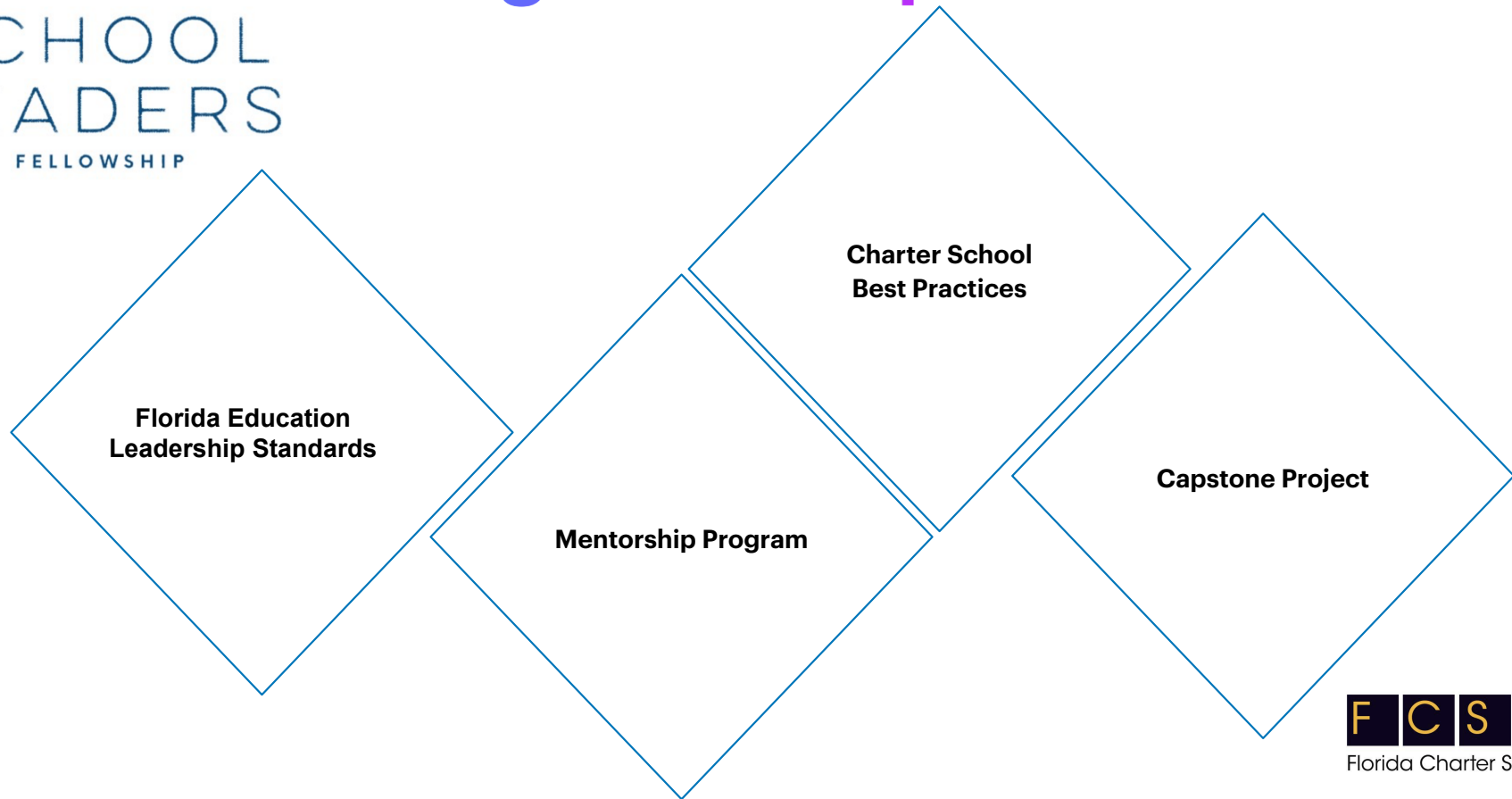
We exceeded the goal!





SCHOOL
LEADERS
FELLOWSHIP

Program Components





Cohort 1

Class of 2022



Kasim Biyikli
River City Science Academy



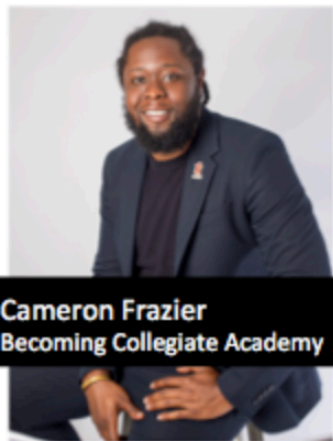
Sergio Bonilla
HIVE Preparatory K-8 Center



Julie Stewart
Everglades Prep Academy



Rommy Rodriguez
Miami Community Charter



Cameron Frazier
Becoming Collegiate Academy



Kelly de la Cruz
Mi Escuela Montessori



Omar Holligan
Palm Beach Maritime



Catherine Rudder
EdVenture Charter School



Razia Ali Hamm
Constellation Charter



“I developed more as a leader by partnering and collaborating with other school leaders and problem-solving together.”



Cameron Frazier
Cohort 1/Class of 2022

“I learned from other administrators through discussion of current issues and sharing experiences.”



Sergio Bonilla
Cohort 1/Class of 2022



Cohort 2

Class of 2023



- **Erica Leatherbarrow** – Assistant Admin/Testing Coordinator, River City Science Academy Intercoastal
- **Yakup Ustaomer** – Dean of Academics, River City Science Academy Intercoastal
- **Alyssa Gibson** – Assistant Principal, Tradition Preparatory High School
- **Jeffrey Colavecchio** – Assistant Testing Coordinator, Instructor, and ESE Coordinator, Everglades Preparatory Academy
- **John Galeani** – named Principal of Global Outreach Charter Academy, January 2023
- **Valeria Blandino** – Principal, AcadeMir Charter School of Osceola
- **Olivia Bernal** – Mentor Principal, AcadeMir Middle School of Math and Science and AcadeMir Charter School East Middle
- **Michael Kupka** – ESE Support / Assistant Dean, Tradition Preparatory High School
- **Monica Suarez** – Dean of Curriculum, True North Classical Academy Kendall/Gateway
- **Dianet De Armas** – Principal, South Pointe Scholars Academy

“I gained insight into the Standards and had the opportunity to collaborate with others and obtain great information from leaders.”



Valeria Blandino
Cohort 2/Class of 2023

“I have developed a deeper understanding of the Standards with application towards my own practice, and how to appropriately deliver and share information with my faculty and support staff.”



Jeff Colavecchio
Cohort 2/Class of 2023

“I gained insight into the Standards and had the opportunity to collaborate with others and obtain great information from leaders.”



Erica Leatherbarrow
Cohort 2/Class of 2023



SCHOOL
LEADERS
FELLOWSHIP

Cohort 3 / Class of 2024

Cohort 3

Class of 2024



Elysida Caraballo
Teacher and Department Head for Electives
Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate High School



Jessica Chapman
Principal
Tallahassee Collegiate Academy



Cohort 3

Class of 2024



Shavona Daniels
Assistant Principal
BridgePrep Academy St. Cloud



Sherry Hatch
Dean of Students
Discovery Academy of Science



Cohort 3

Class of 2024



Tiffany Hannah-Powell
Assistant Principal
Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy



Audrey Ferrell Hinton
Assistant School Leader of Operations
KIPP Public School of Jacksonville



Cohort 3

Class of 2024



Angel Holsey
Assistant Principal
KIPP Public Schools Jacksonville



Fayth Jenkins
Principal
Suncoast School for Innovative Studies



Cohort 3

Class of 2024



Kurbonali Kenjaev
Assistant Administrator
River City Science Academy Southeast



Rayscene Kirkland
Dean of Academics
Andrews High School



Cohort 3

Class of 2024



Lianna Knight
Principal
Global Outreach Charter Academy Arts



Gloriya Lasa
Dean of Academics
C.G. Bethel High School



Cohort 3

Class of 2024



Shanteala Mash
Assistant Principal
Sunrise High School



Eileen Maytin
Curriculum Instructional Coach
BridgePrep Academy Village Green



Cohort 3

Class of 2024



Shaneta Oliver
Dean of Operations
Becoming Collegiate Academy



Stephanie Pawlowicz
Assistant Principal
St. Petersburg Collegiate High School



Cohort 3

Class of 2024



Alexandra Plaza
Dean of Academics
Main Street High School



Brianna Pollock
Dean of Students
Seaside Charter School

Cohort 3

Class of 2024



Belkys Rubio
Assistant Dean of Curriculum
True North Charter Academy



Jeffrey Russell
History Teacher
Independence Classical Academy



Cohort 3

Class of 2024



Alyssa Ruvoli
Middle School Intensive Math Teacher, Math Interventionist
River City Science Academy Intracoastal

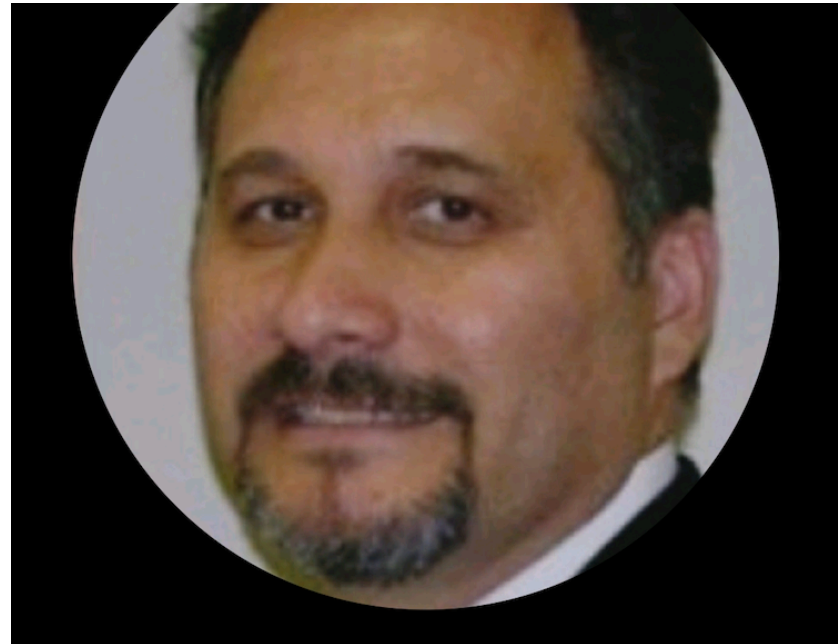


Cohort 3

Class of 2024



Elwood R. Thompson
Teacher
Global Outreach Charter Academy High School



Jose Velazquez
Dean of Academics
Chambers High School



“Already passionate about charter schools and delivering quality education to all students, the School Leaders Fellows are taking a giant leap forward to expand their expertise and prepare to successfully run a public charter school.

The Fellows represent a cross-section of the charter school movement in Florida — from independent to network schools, credit recovery, classical, and accomplished STEM programs.”

- Lynn Norman-Teck, Executive Director, FCSA





Cohort 4 application period: Summer 2024

www.FLCharterAlliance.org

