# UCLA Educational Leadership Program Directory

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<td>Founder, New LA Charter Schools</td>
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<td>school management, charter schools, budgeting and finance, facilities, board development</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:paul@manzanitaschool.org">paul@manzanitaschool.org</a> 310-455-9700</td>
<td>interdisciplinary programming and the study of epiphenomena (as in Finland), particularly for high schoolers expertise in alternative programs and on the role of applied human ecology (nature connection) in healthy adolescent development</td>
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<td>Rhonda Baldenegro (Co 17)</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:rhonda.baldenegro@gmail.com">rhonda.baldenegro@gmail.com</a></td>
<td>founding your own school - either from scratch, or expanding from a single-site charter to a small CMO</td>
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<td>Community Advocacy, Fund Development, Scholarship Platforms, Cradle to Career Initiatives</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:dr.ericbeam@gmail.com">dr.ericbeam@gmail.com</a></td>
<td>Educational Psychology Special Education Student Services Crisis Response and Intervention (Have worked nationally televised crisis events behind the scenes.) All of the above in Charter Schools</td>
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<td>Jonathan Cassie (Co 15)</td>
<td>Director of Innovation, Tarbut V’Torah</td>
<td>Getting published Preparing for a big interview, Podcasting, Gamification</td>
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<td>Pedro Cevallos (Co 13)</td>
<td>Exec Director/CEO, College Bridge</td>
<td>Educational entrepreneurship, educational nonprofits, college readiness, intersegmental partnerships</td>
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<tr>
<td>Michelle Christie (Co 18)</td>
<td>Founder, Exec Director, No Limits for Deaf Children</td>
<td>Nonprofit, education, fundraising, special needs education and leadership</td>
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<td>Alma Cortes (Co 17)</td>
<td>Professor, Pierce College</td>
<td>Transitioning from a 4-year to a 2-year college, higher education collaborative advocacy for working with diverse early childhood faculty</td>
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<td>Yasmin Delahoussaye (Co 7)</td>
<td>Retired Community College President</td>
<td>Community College Administration (Associate Dean, Dean, Vice President, Vice Chancellor, or College President) Community College Counseling</td>
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<td>Debra Geller (Co 9)</td>
<td>Assoc Dean of Students &amp; Title IX Coordinator, UCLA</td>
<td>Student affairs in higher ed, Policy development, 1st amendment, Title IX Student conduct, Program development and Assessment, Professional development/resume and interview prep, Fiscal and human resource management, Available for external program review, and for retreat facilitation, also.</td>
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<td>Linsey Gotanda (Co 19)</td>
<td>Assistant Superintendent, PVPUSD, K-12 public education counseling, administration, and educational services (district level)</td>
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<td>Robin Gose (Co 17)</td>
<td>President/CEO, MOXI, Wolf Museum of Exploration &amp; Innovation, science/STEM education educator professional development museums independent schools service learning informal education maker spaces staff management org culture leadership through crisis/transition fundraising non-profit management budgeting grant writing</td>
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<td>Deborah Karpman (Co 20)</td>
<td>Assistant Dean for Research, USC, Higher Education Women in Stem Research Grantwriting</td>
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<td>Alice Lee</td>
<td>Lesson Study Building Staff Collective Efficacy Building Staff Culture and Climate Public School Administration Elementary Administration Building a Literacy Culture at Schools</td>
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<td>Gloria Martinez (Co 6)</td>
<td>Improve practice for K-12 teachers &amp; administrators Professional development strategies Alignment &amp; Synthesis of Educational Initiatives to improve Student Achievement Development &amp; Delivery of College/Career Readiness</td>
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<td>Jessica Medrano (Co 20)</td>
<td>Director, Secondary Education, Norwalk-La Mirada USD</td>
<td>Secondary Education - High School, English Language Learners/LTELs, 9th Grade Success, Ethnic Studies, Professional Learning Communities/Teacher Collaboration, Parent Engagement Leadership Development, Women in Leadership, Site Leadership, College/Career Readiness</td>
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<td>Jeff McConaghy (Co 9)</td>
<td>Chief Education Officer, Thrively</td>
<td>Independent Schools, Starting New Schools, Ed Tech Startups, Outdoor/Experiential Education</td>
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<td>Tom McCoy (Co 7)</td>
<td>Assist Superintendent of Educational Services, Oxnard Union HSD</td>
<td>Role of a Superintendent, Role of a High School Principal, Role of a Director of Court/Community Schools</td>
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<td>Scott McDowell</td>
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<td>Secondary School Administration</td>
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<td>Lynette Merriman (Co 11)</td>
<td>Associate Vice Provost for Campus Support and Intervention Assistant Professor for Clinical Education</td>
<td>Student Affairs in Higher Education (oversaw 10 different areas during career), Higher Education Leadership, Crisis Support, Response and Management, Campus</td>
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<td>Lisa Michel (Co 20)</td>
<td>Director, Secondary Teaching &amp; Learning, Culver City USD</td>
<td>Secondary (grades 6-12), Curriculum/Instruction School leadership, Teacher Evaluations, Mathematics Education [K-12] Professional Development</td>
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<td>curriculum and instruction supporting English Language Learners Pre-K-12 in academic language development. (published 9 titles in this area, the 10th is on the way!)</td>
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<td>Jim Morris (Co 7)</td>
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<td>District Leadership / Governance / the Superintendency</td>
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<td>Jack Powazek (Co 6)</td>
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<td>Principal efficacy; principal selection; leading second order change; and developing a diversity, equity and inclusion lens.</td>
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<td>Assoc Dean, EOPS/CARE, LA Valley College <a href="mailto:rodrigsa@lavc.edu">rodrigsa@lavc.edu</a> 818-947-2726</td>
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<td>Marielle Sallo (Co 21)</td>
<td>Math Teacher, Chadwick High School</td>
<td>educational leadership edtech private catholic school high school admin math education secondary school assessment all girl schools college prep 1st gen students</td>
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<td>Kimberly Schwartz (Co 9)</td>
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<td>Independent high school curriculum/programming High school administrative leadership Jewish education</td>
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<td>Karlo Silbiger (Co 20)</td>
<td>Coord for College-Going Culture, Partnership for LA Schools</td>
<td>School District Policy / School Board Teaching in a charter school Working in in-district reform non-profits College-Going Culture Unions / Negotiations Teacher Evaluation</td>
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<td>Tim Tatsui (Co 11)</td>
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<td>Data and Analytics Talent development Institutional research Teacher collaboration Gratitude</td>
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<td>Leora Wolf-Prusan</td>
<td>Director of Partnerships &amp; Learning, Center for Applied Research, and School Mental Health lead, Pacific Southwest Mental Health Technology Transfer Center</td>
<td>school system, leadership, and employee wellness; trauma and resilience; school mental health; organizational health; systems of care; school violence prevention, intervention and recovery (including crisis; youth/student engagement</td>
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<td>Mitsue Yokota (Co 16)</td>
<td>Academic Director, Undergraduate Programs, UCLA</td>
<td>shared governance accreditation in higher education</td>
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