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## Education Pioneers Launches New Effort to Recruit 600 Top Emerging Leaders to Work in 20 Cities

*Revamped website to build on over 1 million hours of critical human capital  
capacity supplied to leading education organizations*

**Oakland, Calif.** — Education Pioneers, a national nonprofit that unleashes the potential of leaders and managers to transform education for all students, announced today that it has launched a revamped website - [www.educationpioneers.org](http://www.educationpioneers.org) - to recruit over 600 top emerging leaders to work in 20 cities in 2015 through its selective education leadership fellowships. To date, Education Pioneers' diverse leaders have contributed over 1 million hours of critical and strategic human capital support to 200 education organizations through the organization's fellowships.

"Reaching one million hours of targeted leadership, management and analytical support for our partner organizations is a significant accomplishment for Education Pioneers, but we have much further to go to ensure that every student in our country receives a high-quality education," said Scott Morgan, Founder & CEO of Education Pioneers. "We're seeking hundreds more exceptional leaders to add critical capacity in the field and turn the tide for millions of students."

The new [educationpioneers.org](http://educationpioneers.org) showcases [select stories from its 2,500+ alumni network](#) to shine a light on their important, often behind-the-scenes work in finance, operations, human resources, IT and more with [200 partner education organizations](#). The stories, like those of alumni [Shawn McCormack](#), [Chantavia Burton](#) and [Mark Cheng](#) show the breadth of meaningful leadership and management career opportunities available across the sector and are intended to inspire more talented people to work in education.

Shawn McCormack, now Director of Finance for KIPP San Antonio and responsible for a \$21 million budget, left a lucrative accounting and consulting career at PricewaterhouseCoopers to help better allocate limited resources in education to teachers and students. Inspired by his wife's passion for her public school teaching job and struck by the fact that she often bought paper for the school's printer out of her own pocket, Shawn sought a career in education where he could make a difference. He wasn't sure where he fit in until he found Education Pioneers.

"I always wanted to find a career that stirred up the same type of passion that my wife has for teaching," Shawn said. "But coming from outside the sector, it's extremely difficult to know what positions would fit your skillset without an organization like Education Pioneers."

Alumni [Chantavia Burton](#), now Portfolio Compliance Manager for the Achievement School District in Memphis, TN, and [Mark Cheng](#), now Director of Data Management for

Democracy Prep Public Schools in New York, also found the pathway to their meaningful, high-impact careers through Education Pioneers' programs.

As Education Pioneers Fellows, leaders like Shawn, Chantavia and Mark work across departments and functional areas outside of the classroom in more than [200 education organizations](#) across [20 cities](#) to help implement or advance important initiatives that support teaching and learning success. Past Fellows' work has included leading or supporting student services initiatives, teacher professional development, financial and strategic planning, communications campaigns and more for the nation's largest school districts, charter school organizations, federal agencies and education nonprofits.

Applications for the organization's flagship [Graduate School Fellowship are now open](#). Talented emerging leaders who are interested in the 2015 program can learn more about admission requirements and apply via [www.educationpioneers.org/gsf-application](http://www.educationpioneers.org/gsf-application). The priority round deadline for applications – from which 70 percent of the cohort is typically selected – is December 15, 2014.

Applications for the 2015 [Analyst Fellowship](#) open this winter.

Education organizations that seek talented leaders, managers, and analysts for short- or long-term engagements can learn more or apply to partner with Education Pioneers via [www.educationpioneers.org/what-we-do/partner-services](http://www.educationpioneers.org/what-we-do/partner-services).

Beyond their Fellowships, more than 70 percent of the organizations' alumni in the workforce remain in full-time education careers. This rapidly growing leadership network guides the work of school districts, charter school networks and other education organizations. Education Pioneers has an ambitious goal to have 10,000 alumni working full-time in education by 2023, the organization's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **About Education Pioneers**

Education Pioneers unleashes the potential of leaders and managers to transform education for all students. Through prestigious Fellowships and ongoing Alumni and Partner Services, the national nonprofit strengthens the ranks of talented leaders, managers and analysts in school districts, charter school organizations, education agencies, nonprofits and more to support strong teaching and learning results. Education Pioneers is building a network of 10,000 diverse leaders working at all levels across the sector by its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023 to ensure that every student receives an outstanding education.

More information about Education Pioneers can be found at [www.educationpioneers.org](http://www.educationpioneers.org)

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