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# Newsletter

## TEACH-NOW Updates & Travels!

The TEACH-NOW staff have been spending the summer buried with writing and submitting applications for the following:

1. Renewal of national accreditation through DEAC (Distance Education Accrediting Commission) -- submitted July 8; site visit scheduled for August 22
2. Licensure Renewal from DC OSSE HELC (Higher Education Licensing Commission) -- submitted July 9; site visit scheduled for August 12-13
3. DEAC approval to offer Master's in Educational Leadership
4. HELC approval to offer Master's in Education with Educational Technology Focus
5. Annual renewal for participation in SARA (State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement)

TEACH-NOW Founder and CEO Emily Feistritz and Veterans Initiative Coordinator Keith Essen traveled to Washington State in July to attend the Dream Big Career and Education Fair and visit military bases. They shared information about TEACH-NOW and our programs with Active Duty Service Members, Veterans, and spouses of Veterans.



## Welcome to Our New Staff Members!

This summer we've welcomed two new staff members to our ever-growing team!

Learn more about them below.



**Shina Lawoyin** joined TEACH-NOW in June as an Admissions Manager. He is from Columbia, Maryland and a graduate of the

University of Maryland, College Park where he earned a bachelor's degree in Communication.

He has held various roles in the education field and comes to TEACH-NOW from 2U, where he was a Senior Admissions Counselor at USC's Rossier School of Education, which is one of 2U's school partners.

Shina is looking forward to assisting students all over the world and helping them achieve their goals in education.



**Judy Corcillo** joined TEACH-NOW in June as the Director of Licensure and State Relations. In this role, she will strengthen ties between TEACH-NOW and certification

agencies in the states and territories, and will work with candidates to support them in navigating state agencies. She is looking forward to leading TEACH-NOW's work to acquire state program approval in several new states.

Judy comes to TEACH-NOW from the National Association for Alternative Certification (NAAC), where she served as executive director for 14 years. She is a certified elementary school teacher and taught for nearly 8 years in DC Public Schools.

## Back to School Celebration/Open House- Washington, DC

Come celebrate going back to school this fall with fellow candidates, alumni, and other members of the TEACH-NOW community! We had a great time at our last local event, and can't wait to host you again in our expanded office. Please join us for food, drinks and freebies from **4-8 pm at 1701 K St NW, Suite 250 on Tuesday August 20.**

We can't wait to catch up and see how you are doing! Feel free to bring any guests, particularly those looking for more information on our programs. You can RSVP or email us for more details at [rosed@teach-now.edu](mailto:rosed@teach-now.edu)



# ALUMNI CORNER

## TEACH-NOW Alum Profile:

### Dominic Davis

**Briefly tell our readers where you're from, where you are now, and what position you currently hold.**

I'm from Chesapeake, Virginia. I currently live in Seoul, South Korea and I teach 4th grade.

**What TEACH-NOW program did you complete? When did you finish?**

I completed the Certificate Program back in the fall of 2017.

**What concept, technique or practice that you were exposed to in TEACH-NOW has influenced your teaching most?**

I really appreciated how TEACH-NOW instructors emphasized the importance of using technology in that classroom as well as teaching student critical thinking skills.

I remember one of my instructors said, "**As teachers you will be preparing students for jobs that don't even exist yet.**"

Before that point, I had never thought of that idea. TEACH-NOW provided me with the skills to teach students the critical thinking skills using technology that will help them as they grow in this ever changing world.

**How has the completion of your TEACH-NOW program helped you advance professionally?**



After I completed the Certification Program, I was offered a position at a really great international school. As I live in Korea, this is something that I had always wanted, but thought that it might be unattainable. Without the certification, I would not have been considered for this opportunity and my options for teaching in Korea would have been limited. With this teaching certification, I am qualified to teach at international schools, here in Korea, and around the world.

**What's next for you? Tell us about any future career plans you may have, or how you plan to continue growing as an educator.**

As I'm beginning my second year teaching at my school, I will be looking for opportunities to help mentor new teachers. In the next few years, I plan to work towards additional licensure to work as a school administrator.

