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# Newsletter

## TEACH-NOW in the Media

Our founder, Emily Feistritzer is featured in the online and print October 2019 issue of Inc. Magazine as one of the **100 Women Building America's Most Innovative and Ambitious Businesses** alongside successful women such as Serena Williams, Rebecca Minkoff and Rihanna. Read her profile [here!](#)

Additionally, Emily is also featured in the **10 Innovative Women Women Building Mega-Successful Businesses That Are Shaking Up Their Industries** as part of the Female Founders series. Check out that list [here](#).

## TEACH-NOW Summer Updates

A lot is happening in a very short amount of time here at TEACH-NOW! It seems like ages ago, but our Site Visits for renewals of our national accreditation (DEAC) and license to continue to operate as an institution of higher education offering degrees and diplomas (DC OSSE Higher Education Licensure Commission) were just a few weeks ago.

Currently, we are waiting for the final vote on our new Master's in Education Degree with a focus on Educational Technology and our new Master's in Educational Leadership. Full approval for the two new Master's degrees should be coming any day now.

Molly Cummings Carney, a PhD student at Boston College, completed her dissertation on TEACH-NOW called "Preparing Teachers For Tomorrow. Check it out [here!](#)



# Welcome to Our New Hires!

TEACH-NOW keeps on growing! Learn more about our new team members below.



## **James Kenyon**

James "Jim" Kenyon joined TEACH-NOW in July as Director of Policy Development. He will be working directly with candidates and officials from across the United States and countries around the world.

Jim earned a Bachelor's Degree from Syracuse University and Master's Degrees in Secondary Education, Administration, and Special Education and a doctorate from Florida State in Education Leadership and Policy Studies.

He has held various positions in education and most recently Assistant Director of Licensing for the Nevada Department of Education and College of Education Faculty with the University of Nevada Las Vegas. He is looking forward to expanding TEACH-NOW and working directly with candidates

and International Schools all over the world.



## **Joseph Pearson**

Joseph "Joey" Pearson is a graduate of Georgetown University and Johns Hopkins University. He holds a B.S. in Foreign Service and M.S. in Education.

After transitioning from teaching public school, he began work as an online program designer and development coach for new teachers.

After a year as an instructor with TEACH-NOW, Joey has stepped into a new role as Director of Instructional Development allowing him to extend his passion for coaching, program design, and teacher development into the online learning environment. He is grateful to be able to continue teaching candidates in our various programs while also supporting and developing staff. In addition to his work in education, Joey is a singer and song writer for social justice and an avid kayaker, diver, body surfer, and camper.

To keep up with the growth in enrollments at TEACH-NOW, we have also recently hired six new instructors for the teacher certification program. Most of the new instructors are TEACH-NOW alumni and they all come to us with a wealth and a diversity of experiences. These new instructors have gone through a rigorous pre-screening process, will shadow current Instructors before they begin to teach, and will be ready to take their first cohorts in October and November.



# Back to School 2019

Thank you to those who submitted photos of their classrooms for our social media photo contest. It was great to see photos of classrooms and candidates all over the world - from China, Belize, California, and much more. Our two winners of \$100 VISA gift cards are current candidates Kate Sikora and Hawwau Mai. Kate is a kindergarten teacher in Tokyo, Japan, and Hawwau teaches multiple subjects in Abuja, Nigeria. Check out some of their photos!



*Kate's classroom in Japan*



*Hawwau's classroom in Nigeria*

It was great to see familiar faces and meet new candidates and alumni at our back to school event in August!

We celebrated having all of our staff present in our DC office for our accreditation site visits and wished you well in the new school year.

Good luck!

