

Guidera and Dann-Messier Join Institute for Educational Leadership Board

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Washington, D.C., November, 19, 2014 – The Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) is pleased to announce the election of two new members to its Board of Directors. Founder and Executive Director of the Data Quality Campaign, Aimee Rogstad Guidera, and Former Assistant Secretary, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education, Brenda Dann-Messier, took office at IEL's Board meeting on November 19.



Aimee Rogstad Guidera, Founder and Executive Director, leads the Data Quality Campaign's (DQC) efforts to encourage policymakers to increase the availability and use of high-quality education data to improve student achievement. Prior to launching DQC in 2005 Guidera served as the Director of the Washington, DC, office of the National Center for Educational Accountability. From 1995 to 2003 Guidera filled various roles at the National Alliance of Business (NAB). Prior to joining NAB, Aimee focused on school readiness and services integration in the education unit at the National Governors Association. She also taught for the Japanese Ministry of Education in five Hiroshima high schools, where she interviewed educators and studied the Japanese education system. Guidera received her Bachelor's degree from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and earned a Master's degree in public policy from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Guidera is a Washington, D.C. Education Policy Fellowship Program alumni ('97-98).



Brenda Dann-Messier has worked her entire career to expand education and workforce opportunities for low income youth and adults. In January of 2015, she will join the Johnson and Wales teaching faculty in the Educational Leadership Doctoral Program. Dann-Messier previously was the Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education (2009-2014) and also served as Acting Assistant Secretary for the Office of Post-Secondary Education (2013-2014) in the U.S. Department of Education. Previously, she served as the president of Dorcas Place Adult & Family Learning Center in Providence, R.I. Dann-Messier earned her Bachelor's degree in history and secondary education, plus a teaching certificate,

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at Rhode Island College, where she went on to complete her Master's in instructional technology with another certificate in adult basic education. Dann-Messier received her Ed.D. in educational leadership, from Johnson and Wales University.

Rogstad Guidera and Dann-Messier can serve three, three-year terms on the IEL Board. For a half-century, the Institute for Educational Leadership has championed the need for leaders at all levels to shake off their institutional constraints and work across boundaries to address the needs of young people and their families. Bound by no constituency, IEL serves as a catalyst that helps policymakers, administrators, and practitioners at all levels to bridge bureaucratic silos and undo gridlock to improve outcomes for all young people and their families.