

Kurtis Indorf

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Kurtis Indorf currently serves as the Chief Innovation Officer for Great Hearts America, a national education organization serving over 23,000 students in multiple states, and as the Founder and President of Great Hearts Nova, a new Great Hearts entity designing, building, and operating revolutionary learning models for students and families. Within Great Hearts Nova's first year, Kurtis grew a team from 0 to over 110, scaled charter operations into two states, launched Great Hearts' first private pay offering, designed two new educational models, raised over \$5M, and served 1,000+ students.

Mr. Indorf frequently speaks publicly, focusing on the future of K-12 education including parent choice, public policy, market trends, and innovative models. Kurtis serves as an important parent-empowerment and future-facing thought leader, leading sessions and speaking at events for the Center on Reinventing Public Education, Texas Public Policy Foundation, National Association of Charter School Authorizers, SXSW EDU, and Texas Legislature to name a few.

Mr. Indorf joined Great Hearts Texas in 2019 as the Executive Director of Instruction, charged with launching and leading a new strategy and team to support strong instruction and achievement across Great Hearts' growing school network in Texas as well as direct school turnaround. He also currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for Compass Rose Education, a high performing and rapidly growing charter network in Central Texas.

Previously, Mr. Indorf served in various leadership roles at KIPP Public Charter Schools, including Chief Academic Officer, Chief People Officer, Deputy Chief of Academics, and Head of Schools. As Chief Academic Officer, Kurtis led a team to achieve significant growth in the priority areas of SPED, Math, and Science including a \$300k budget cut and staffing restructure in SPED while simultaneously increasing the passing rate for students with IEPs by 24.2% in a single year.

Before joining KIPP, Mr. Indorf was the founding Executive Director of The Achievement Network in Colorado and grew the non-profit's network from 42 partner schools in year 1 to over 140 in year 2. Also in Colorado, he served as a gubernatorial appointee to the Charter School Institute's board of directors, an independent state agency for charter authorization.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Indorf served in multiple leadership roles at Achievement First. As a third- and fourth-year teacher, Kurtis architected and led the strategy and training behind Achievement First's "Process-based Assessment" composition strategy, leading AF Amistad High School to achieve the 2nd highest 2011 Writing testing scores in Connecticut and the highest state test scores at Achievement First. Kurtis' "PBA Composition Program" is currently used in dozens of charter and district schools across the country. He started his career teaching English Language Learners in Phoenix, Arizona through Teach for America.

Kurtis received a Master of Science in Education from Arizona State University with a focus in secondary English curriculum and instruction and a Bachelor of Science from Ithaca College in Integrated Marketing Communications and Legal Studies. Kurtis also studied theology and philosophy abroad at Trinity College, Dublin. Born in New York and raised in Vermont, Kurtis and his wife live in San Antonio, Texas and are the proud parents of three daughters, one dog, and six chickens.