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Jarrad is a proud product of the Texas public education system. Growing up in South Dallas, Jarrad graduated from the School for the Talented and Gifted in the Dallas Independent School District and then earned his undergraduate degree from the Plan II Honors Program at the University of Texas at Austin.

Jarrad completed both his master's in public administration and Business Administration at Rutgers University. During that time, he served some of the lowest-income cities in the country; spending four years as the Development Director for Teach for America New Jersey, three years as Executive Director of Citizen Schools in Newark, and then as Newark Mayor Cory Booker's Senior Education Advisor. During his tenure with Cory

Booker, Jarrad launched the Foundation for Newark's Future and worked to expand public education options and innovations including 5 new school models, over 3,000 new high-quality seats, and an expanded learning time pilot which provided longer school days for over 3,000 Newark students.

Since returning to Texas, Jarrad has worked to expand blended learning education, led the advocacy campaign which resulted in the state's first A-F public school accountability system, and launched the Texas Regional Pathways Network. In his role as Division Director of College, Career and Military Preparation at the Texas Education Agency, Jarrad led partnership and coordination with the Texas Workforce Commission, and Texas Higher Education Coordination, and led the statewide administration of career and technical education, advanced academic programs, and college-career school models.

Jarrad returned to his hometown of Dallas, Texas in June of 2021 to lead the Education and Workforce efforts of the Dallas Regional Chamber. In this capacity, Jarrad leads the Dallas Thrives initiative and supports a wide range of programs supporting Dallas area employers with the development of talent pipelines.