



E.R.E. Spotlight: A Note From our Vice President



Michelle Sandwell-Ross has been the Vice President of Educate, Radiate, Elevate, since its inception. Michelle discovered her passion for healthcare in her early childhood, and through exploring different medical pathways in college, she specifically fell in love with epidemiology and public health. After college, Michelle went on to obtain a Masters and Doctorate in Public Health. She then traveled worldwide assisting with various public health initiatives, ranging from investigating infectious diseases to improving the health of women and children.

Michelle is driven by her commitment to doing her part to end health inequalities and injustices in the health system. This mission is what led Michelle to join Educate, Radiate, Elevate! She believes that education is key to overcoming inequalities. Her hope is that her two sons will one day grow up in a world where everyone has access to the same opportunities!

"It is an honor to serve on such a diverse board, and it makes me proud to be part of an organization that is shaping the minds of BIPOC youth." Michelle Sandwell-Ross, Vice President of Educate, Radiate, Elevate.

Check out our 2021 Annual Report!

We are excited for even more success in 2022!

2022 MILESTONES infographic showing achievements: Trained and Employed 6 tutors, Worked with 45 partners and 20 events, Began tutoring 4 students for Spring Term, Partnered with 50+ local nonprofits and service providers and 100's of local schools to complete 100's of hours of outreach to inform the communities of our program. E.R.E. thanks all of its generous donors! Composed 11 Blogs

Read our recent BLOGS for students, parents, and educators:

- How to Set SMART Goals
Continuing Progress on Public Health Goals
The 5 Most Important Learning and Life Skills
Integrating Art into Education
Why is Reading so Difficult?
A Random Act of Kindness Idea
How to Continue Celebrating Black History Month Year-Round
The 4 Learning Styles
Monitoring Students' Mental Health
Internship Readiness For High School Students

Student Testimonials

"My first session was great! I liked that Danni tried to get to know me." -10th grade student in Chicago
"The first session was very fun, very informational. I liked how involved my tutor was, constantly reminding anything I needed help with. I really enjoyed our first conversation." -10th grade student in Chicago

Latest Educational Research

Headsets use right education to the most powerful weapon for changing the world. This article discusses the importance of supporting students in the third grade when they are not only learning to read but reading to learn. One program in Montgomery called Aspiration Academy puts an emphasis on reading, writing, and math, and strives to ensure that all students are successful. Through this program, students also have free access to career opportunities on the weekend, including trips to Kennedy Space Center, Disney Zoo, Discovery Children's Museum, and other similar locations. By giving students the equitable opportunity to learn and by creating an environment of intellectual fervor, creativity, learning, and growth programs like this allow students to "have hopes and ambitions towards something better in life no matter their ZIP code, or their background."
Headsets use \$17 million in Federal COVID-19 aid to fund Freedom Schools. Headsets is a spin-off from a Federal coronavirus relief money to fund Freedom Schools, a literacy and cultural enrichment program modeled in the civil rights movement of the 1960s, as part of an effort to close the achievement gap for struggling students. Low-income students last year scored lower on reading, mathematics, and language arts than the state average, CDE officials said, while the number of students meeting or exceeding standards in math or English language arts also fell by more than the state average. State Superintendent of Education Carmen Apple said, "These special programs will reach children who have been hardest hit by the pandemic and provide such an important learning experience for them."
Illinois state government is also taking action to address these growing inequities.

E.R.E. Announcements

Board of Directors: We have 2 open seats with our Board of Directors that we would like to fill with professionals who have a connection with us. As a member of the Board of Directors, you will be assisting with the major decisions that will lay the foundation for our program.
Fundraising Committee: We are searching for new members to join our dedicated Fundraising team as a member of our Fundraising Committee, you will be assisting with the major decisions that will lay the foundation for our program.
Volunteers: We are looking for volunteer opportunities, as a volunteer, and operational professional, as a member of Educate, Radiate, Elevate, you will have the opportunity to collaborate with a varied group of people and make a real difference in society.
Donors: We must work together to achieve our objectives of educating, equipping, uplifting, assisting, and elevating society. Your contribution will provide children from inner city backgrounds with the opportunity to succeed in school and beyond.
How to Donate: 1) Click the Donate button link, 2) Sign into your Amazon account, 3) Click "Purchase" in the top left corner, 4) In the search bar type "Educate, Radiate, Elevate," and choose "Select". This video also walks you through these simple steps to make a big difference.

OUR VISION: IT'S BEYOND OUR DREAMS TO THE TOOLS TO SHOW INTO SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN THE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY ARE ARE MAKING THE ENVIRONMENT CHANGING THE WORLD TO DESPERATELY NEEDS. DONATE! \$10, \$25, \$50-6. Form for Amazon purchase.

We will continue to keep you in the loop with updates about Educate, Radiate, Elevate, as well about education, equity, community news, and the like. If you have comments or are passionate about helping youth supporting educational equity, and fostering community development, please forward them this newsletter or their own sign up.