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Spotlight

A Spotlight on Timothy Quenan

Tim Quenan's journey started in a small town in Wisconsin where he developed diverse interests, from sports and music to the outdoors and community involvement. Raised by a mother dedicated to causes she cared deeply about and a father committed to providing for his family, Tim carries these values with him today.

Tim's career in software development was inspired by his mom, a math teacher who was interested in computers long before it was mainstream. In high school, his math and computer teachers (who also happened to be basketball coaches) fueled his passion for technology and competition, thereby shaping his professional journey.

Driven by his desire to contribute to a meaningful cause that resonated with him, Tim joined E.R.E.'s Development Committee 2 years ago. He believes that education is the key to elevating individuals and communities. He states, "Lifting up just one student can have an impact on many members of their family and community, along with future generations."

To learn more about Tim, read his full spotlight [here](#).



E.R.E. Updates

We are thrilled to announce that we have now provided full Terms of tutoring to a total of 37 students... and counting! Our unwavering commitment to expanding access to education is making a profound and lasting impact on the lives of those we serve. Together, we are transforming futures and creating a brighter tomorrow for our students.

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Here is what people say about E.R.E.

“The third month has been really good. My student and I have a great rapport. We've been focused on her college applications and essays lately, and she has seemed to get a lot out of the conversations we've had about her experiences.”
- E.R.E. Tutor

“My favorite thing about volunteering for E.R.E. was that I was able to help raise awareness for the community and mission of E.R.E.”
- E.R.E. Volunteer

“My favorite things about volunteering for E.R.E. have been the incredible people I have been able to meet and learn from.”
- E.R.E. Volunteer

“Our first session went very well and I'm excited to continue working with her as she is a sweet, hard-working student.”
- E.R.E. Tutor

Student Success Spotlight

Avrie, 12th grader from Oak Park IL

“The first tutoring session was great. We worked on Khan Academy, which is familiar, and I was able to figure out different ways to tackle reading comprehension questions.”
- Avrie

“I have enjoyed the service. The tutor and his follow up has been stellar.”
- Parent of Avrie

“Avrie and I have been doing well. We've had a lot of good conversations around her essay topics and college plans lately. I plan to support her however I can with essays and applications and continue building her core math schools to prep for her college math courses.”
- E.R.E. Tutor of Avrie

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

[A Growth Mindset: How To Take Charge Of Your Academic Destiny](#)

[Learning Self-Efficacy: The Best Learning Skill You May Have Never Heard Of](#)

[How To Get An IEP: Advocate For Accommodations In School](#)

[Going Back To Class? Use These Tips For Struggling Students](#)

E.R.E. Announcements

- **Volunteers:** We are looking for volunteer [ambassadors](#), [intents](#), [tutors](#), and [professionals](#). 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. [Apply now!](#)
- **Informational Session:** Looking to get involved with Educate. Radiate. Elevate.? Want to learn more about what we do and how we do it? Curious about what makes us unique? [Register here](#) to join us at **E.R.E.'s online Informational Session on 10/12 at 6:30pm Central Time.**
- **New Partner: Lumiere!** The [Lumiere Research Scholar Program](#) helps students work one-on-one with a world-class scholar on an independent research project. At the end of the 12-week program, students develop an independent research paper that they can use for university admissions or future studies. Students seeking financial aid can [apply to the Lumiere Breakthrough Scholar Program](#). The application deadline is 11/26 for the Winter Cohort which is starting 12/18. To learn more, check out [this brochure](#) and you can also [register here](#) to attend a webinar on 10/25 at 7pm Central Time.
- **Popcorn Fundraiser 11/5 - 11/11:** E.R.E. is proud to have partnered with Mama Moore's Gourmet Popcorn, a small, Black-owned business, to help raise funds for our tutoring program. Sign up for FREE as a [Participant](#) to have the chance to win a \$50 Amazon Gift Card! Check out our [campaign page](#) for more information.

Recent News in Education



[School book bans show no signs of slowing](#)

NPR News
September 21, 2023

The free speech group PEN America has found that book bans in schools have increased by 33% since the 2021-22 school year, and the number of books permanently removed from schools has quadrupled. The numbers come disproportionately from Florida and are also high in Texas, Utah, Pennsylvania, and Missouri. Many of these books cover topics related to race, LGBTQ+ identities, and violence or abuse.

[How is your school coping with book-banning pressure?](#)



[Black CPS teens benefit most in shift from suspensions to coaching better behavior](#)

Chicago Sun-Times
September 12th, 2023

A study by the University of Chicago Education Lab shows that when schools discipline teens with restorative justice coaching as opposed to punitive justice, teen suspension and arrest likelihood goes down and their test scores go up. Coaching reduces significant racial disparities in in-school punishment and keeps students out of the criminal justice system. Students also view their school climate as safer and more supportive.

[Would you like to see restorative discipline applied in your school?](#)

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