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GENERATION SCHOOLS NETWORK

Elevating the Education Experience

Vision - All schools are vibrant, inclusive ecosystems that ensure every student thrives in school, work and life.

Mission - GSN co-creates healthy school ecosystems by partnering with educators, students, families and communities to elevate the education experience.

Good News!

GSN Staff Present at the *Arizona Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents Annual Conference*

GSN staff presented and attended one of the first major in-person conferences since the beginning of the pandemic! As part of GSN's increased programmatic offerings in the state of Arizona, GSN's Larry Martinez, Kate Fuller, Donna Trujillo, and Olivia Bachicha presented on Coping with Crisis and Exploring Culture, Identity, and Social Justice and attended events with local administrators to hear about key pain points and assist with planning for next year. To learn more about how your school can benefit from coaching with our Arizona team, please contact Alison Lauge at alauge@generationschools.org



Photo Caption: Hector Estrada, Principal Rio Rico HS; Panfilio Contreras, Director of AZALAS; Jorge Moreno, AP of Rio Rico HS; Jose Enriquez, CEO of

Latinos in Action; Larry Martinez, Senior Education Specialist at Generation Schools Network.

New Social Emotional Learning Units Available in Our Online Store! Get your FREE downloads for the 2021-2022 school year.

- *MS Growth Mindset:* As they engage in this unit, students will learn about the difference between **fixed and growth mindsets**, differentiate between **learning goals** and **performance goals**, understand the role of **growth mindset** in overcoming failure and adversity, and have the opportunity to engage in productive struggle. For their final project, they will write an essay sharing a personal story related to **growth mindset**. This unit is FREE through the end of August at [our online store](#).
- *ES Mindfulness:* Students will learn about **mindfulness** and its benefits. Throughout the five lessons, they will engage in a variety of **mindfulness** activities. The unit culminates in a project in which students will set a goal of doing at least one **mindfulness** activity daily for three weeks. This unit is FREE in [our online store](#).
- *HS Service Learning:* Students will begin this unit by exploring the concept of engaged citizenship. They will then be introduced to the idea of service learning. Using the website www.dosomething.org (a youth-led movement for good) as a jumping-off point, they will develop a service learning project that is framed by the question "Where do my interests, talents, and a community need meet?" In small groups, they will create detailed action plans for their project, which they will then implement. Their actual service learning projects will often take place during out-of-class time. Each group will create a video showcasing their project. The unit concludes with students reflecting on what they learned from their project. This unit is FREE through the end of August in [our online store](#).



Three Schools Celebrate Major Accomplishments in Completion of the Turnaround Leadership Program



This spring, leadership teams from Hayden Valley Elementary School, Omar D. Blair Charter School, and Fisher's Peak Elementary School completed their 2.3-year Turnaround Leadership Program. These teams worked together with their Generation Schools Network coach to focus on building leadership capacity through a distributed leadership model, and on improving Student Performance. Despite the challenges of COVID-19, the

participants made significant improvements to their school systems. One participant noted:

"We are so thankful for all that we have learned while in this program. Each course has served to continuously improve our capacity as leaders and, thus,

has served to improve school culture and academic instruction. Thank you everyone!"

Photo Caption: TLP Participants at their virtual summer retreat focused on Instructional Coaching with Denise Snowden of [Coach to Lead](#).

Robert Hoag Rawlings Grant Awarded to Support Santa Fe Trail's Pathways to Prosperity Efforts



The [Robert Hoag Rawlings Foundation](#) awarded a grant to the Santa Fe Trail Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) to support Real World Problem-Scenario Training as part of their [Pathway to Prosperity](#). GSN will guide BOCES teachers in providing real-world problem-scenarios/work connected learning projects for the 5,354 students in the Santa Fe Trail BOCES's six member school districts. GSN continues to receive requests from districts to learn from the college and career readiness project, *Pathways to Prosperity*, and is always looking for

additional supporters that want to help bring this program to schools and districts. To see what a multi-district, multi-grade, multi-career pathway can look like, visit: <https://coschooltowork.org/in-your-community>, or contact Elliot Zettas at ezettas@generationschools.org.

Welcoming New GSN Staff!

As part of our recent [mergers](#) with Empowering Education and Alternative Roadmap, GSN welcomes two new key staff members to our team!

Elliot Zettas - Senior Manager of College & Career Readiness



Elliot's experience, knowledge, and zeal are entrenched in educational nonprofits. Prior to GSN, he was the co-founder and Executive Director of Alternative Roadmap, a nonprofit that provided age-relatable coaching programs to at-risk high school students. Additionally, as an Education Pioneer Fellow, he designed a work experience program for opportunity youth in Memphis, TN. At GSN, Elliot serves as the Senior Manager for College/Career Readiness working to bring equitable exposure and preparation opportunities to students from rural and marginalized urban communities. Elliot holds a BS in Entrepreneurial Innovation

from Metro State University of Denver and a Master of Public Administration (Nonprofit Management concentration) from Arkansas State University. Currently, he is pursuing his PhD in Public Affairs at the University of Colorado Denver.

Noah Teitelbaum - Vice President of Product & Business Development

Noah joined GSN in 2021 as part of its merger with Empowering Education, a fellow education non-profit focused on SEL for K-8 schools. Noah has a broad background in education and business, starting at the front of a 5th grade public school classroom in Harlem and continuing his career in a high-performing charter school in Newark. These experiences led him to serve as an instructional coach and a curriculum designer. He also has started and run education businesses, has won the Reimagine Education EdTech award for an interactive video course he designed, and consults on how to improve online education courses. He holds a BA in Anthropology/Theater from New College, a MSed from Bank Street College of Education, and an MBA from the University of Colorado.



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