

TDS Advisory Board Newest Member

Kriste Dragon
Co-Founder & CEO

Citizens of the World Charter Schools



Kriste Dragon is the CEO and Co-Founder of Citizens of the World Charter Schools, a national network of public charter schools that challenge students to realize their full potential and thrive in a diverse society. Citizens of the World is committed to serving diverse communities throughout the U.S. with schools currently in Los Angeles and Kansas City.

Kriste began her work in education as a middle school mathematics teacher in South Los Angeles. She later served as Executive Director for Teach For America Los Angeles and Vice President of Regional Operations for Teach For America's western regions. She has led professional development at UCLA's Center X, and has chaired several charter school boards throughout Los Angeles.

Currently, Kriste is a member of the Advisory Board for the National Association of Charter School Authorizers and the Board of Directors for the National Charter Collaborative. She is also the Board Chair for EdNavigator, a non-partisan communications organization dedicated to building support for student-focused improvements in public education.

She was the founding co-chair for the National Advisory Board of The Collective, Teach For America's national alumni of color association, and a member of the California Charter Schools Association's Political Council.