



EOD Board of Directors Appoints Roscoe Compton-Kelly as New CEO

Compton-Kelly brings over 20 years of experience in Education and Nonprofit leadership

DALLAS (June 30, 2022) - The Board of Directors of [Education Opens Doors \(EOD\)](#), a Dallas-based non-profit which partners with middle schools to train teachers to equip their students with college and career knowledge, announced today the appointment of Roscoe Compton-Kelly to the role of CEO. Compton-Kelly, who previously headed External Affairs for EOD, will assume the helm of EOD and succeed Jayda Batchelder, Founder and former CEO of the organization, who wraps an outstanding decade-long tenure leading EOD.

After a national search which saw nearly 140 candidates apply for the role and which vetted multiple finalists, the board selected Compton-Kelly based on his leadership, experience, and track record. “We are thrilled to announce that Roscoe Compton-Kelly has been selected as our new CEO,” said Board Chair Jeff George. “Roscoe’s strategic and operational acumen, people leadership skills, and deep experience in working with school districts and non-profit organizations – coupled with his clear vision for EOD – are a great fit for the organization’s next phase. With Roscoe’s leadership, we are confident that EOD will grow its impact on middle school students in Texas and beyond. I would also like to thank Jayda Batchelder for her tremendous vision, leadership, and incredible impact over the last 10 years. Thanks to her leadership, over 80,000 students have experienced EOD’s programming, and EOD’s approach has influenced the entire field of college and career readiness for middle schoolers.”

Prior to joining EOD in 2021, Compton-Kelly spent 20 years with Scholastic Inc., the largest publisher of children’s books in the world. Compton-Kelly held leadership roles within the book fairs division of the company, managing large teams in various operations and commercial roles. As Senior Director of External Affairs at EOD, Compton-Kelly led the Advancement, Partnerships and Advocacy teams and was responsible for EOD’s revenue. Compton-Kelly also sits on several Dallas area non-profit boards, including Dallas Hope Charities, where he serves as Board Chair, and is also a singing member and leader in the world-famous Turtle Creek Chorale.

“I am honored and humbled to be selected by the Board of Directors to lead this amazing organization,” says Compton-Kelly. “Now more than ever, students deserve to have all the resources they need to make informed decisions about their futures and the ability to achieve social and economic mobility throughout their lives. EOD has been at the forefront of doing this work in middle schools, and I look forward to continuing to advance our mission.”

About Education Opens Doors

Celebrating its 10-year anniversary in 2022, Education Opens Doors believes that when doors open, lives change. The nonprofit organization focuses on career and college preparedness during the increasingly critical middle school years. EOD’s proprietary curriculum and training equips teachers, parents, and other adults to help students imagine and prepare for their futures. To date, EOD has opened doors for over 80,000 underserved students and partnered with hundreds of middle schools across Dallas and beyond. For more information visit <https://educationopensdoors.org/>. Connect with EOD on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/EducationOpensDoors/>, Twitter at [@Opening_thedoor](#) or on Instagram at [@educationopensdoors](#).