

## SEGUE INSTITUTE FOR LEARNING 2021 – 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**DAVID AHLBORN** – Chair [Term: December 2015 - January 2022] David Ahlborn is an educator committed to disability justice. He graduated from Brown University in 1988 and received an M.A. in 1995 in English from Boston University, where he was a Presidential Fellow and graduate assistant teacher. He discovered his passion for teaching students with specific language-based learning differences at Landmark School, where he taught from 1988-90 and 1995-99. He currently directs an academic support program for students with LD at The Wheeler School in Providence. He is married, has two grown children, and lives with his wife, also a teacher, in Providence. [David.Ahlborn@SegueFL.org](mailto:David.Ahlborn@SegueFL.org)

**MARIA CRUZ** - [Term: September 2016 – June 2022]. Mrs. Cruz grew up in Central Falls and attended both public and parochial schools in the city. She graduated from Central Falls High School in 1989 and went on to get her BS in Criminal Justice from Roger Williams University in 2007. She is proudly serving in her 17<sup>th</sup> year as a Pawtucket Police Officer and is currently assigned to the Prosecution office. Along with being the chair of the Nominations and Governance committee of Segue's board, she is also the President of the RI Hispanic Officers Association and the secretary of the CF Lions club. [Maria.Cruz@SegueFL.org](mailto:Maria.Cruz@SegueFL.org)

**CAROLINA DUQUE** – [Term: September 2016 – June 2022] Born in Colombia, brought to the USA when she was 5 years old and raised in Pawtucket. As a teenager was active in her church youth group. Married at age 18 and is now a mother of 3 kids, obtain her certification as a Medical Assistant in 2006. Has been a resident of Central Falls for more than 20 years. Carolina is an active parent of two Segue Alumni and very active in the Family Engagement Committee. Her hope is to increase the presence of parents' involvement on our board of Directors. [Carolina.Duque@SegueFL.org](mailto:Carolina.Duque@SegueFL.org)

**INGRID FRANCO** - [Term: January 2019 – January 2022] Mrs. Franco is a current Central Falls resident where she is very active in her community and the local church. Growing up in Providence, she graduated from Hope High School and received her BS in Liberal Arts with Spanish and Italian major in 2004. She works as an Intake Specialist at the Providence Center since 2012. She's an active mom of two children, one of whom is a Segue alumni. She was a T-ball coach and a Scout leader. Mrs. Franco has a reputation of faithfully joining and serving on every PTA in every school her kids have attended. She currently serves on the Personnel Sub-Committee of the board and was an active member of the Segue FEC. In the fall of 2018, Mrs. Franco was very active in assisting the school acquire the property across the street to create a playground for its students. [Ingrid.Franco@SegueFL.org](mailto:Ingrid.Franco@SegueFL.org)

**SEBASTIAN GONZALEZ** - [Term: October 2020 – June 2023] Mr. Gonzalez was born in Mexico and was raised in Los Angeles California. He moved to Central Falls four years ago and is the eldest son of a family of six. He was the first one to graduate from high school and first one to attend college. Mr. Gonzalez studied Music Business and Music Theory. He has always loved being involved with his community. Mr. Gonzalez coached soccer while living in Los Angeles. He has always believed that kids are our future and that their future depends on the lessons and actions we adults teach. A resident of Central Falls, Mr. Gonzalez is a parent a child attending Segue at the moment. He is proud to say that he is a part of FEC parent committee and believes that the more parents are involved in their children's schooling, the more they can help them reach their goals. He is excited to bring all of his experiences in working with youth and families to his role on the Segue Board of Directors. [Sebastian.Gonzalez@SegueFL.org](mailto:Sebastian.Gonzalez@SegueFL.org)

**LEE LEWIS** - [Term: October 2020 – June 2023] Mr. Lewis is the President of Junior Achievement RI. He has been with JA since 1998, serving in a variety of positions for the organization until 2007, at which time he was named President. Lee holds an Associates in Business Administration with a concentration in leadership studies, Bachelor of Marketing; and a Master of Business Administration - Global Business Management with a concentration in marketing from Johnson & Wales University in Providence, RI. Lee was inducted into the National Commission for Cooperative Education Hall of Fame in 2007 as well as the Providence Business News 40 Under Forty Class of 2008. In 2010, Lee received the Central Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce Business and Education Advocate of the Year award. Along with his work with Junior Achievement of Rhode Island Board of Directors, Mr. Lewis is also on the Junior Achievement's Executive Leadership Council, the Rhode Island Hospitality Education Foundation Board of Directors, and U.S. Representative James R. Langevin – Education Advisory Council. [Lee.Lewis@SegueFL.org](mailto:Lee.Lewis@SegueFL.org)

**JESSIE RENIERE** - [Term: December 2021 – June 2025] – Ms. Reniere is an attorney in the Corporate & Business group at Hinckley Allen. She graduated from Middlebury College with a degree in International Studies, focusing on political science and Italian language. After college, she worked in Government Relations at IGT (formerly GTECH) where she managed compliance matters including global anti-corruption, lobbying, campaign finance, and ethics. She also served as the Assistant Treasurer of the IGT Political Action Committee (PAC). She then attended Roger Williams University School of Law, where she served as the Managing Editor of the Law Review. During law school, she interned for the Honorable John J. McConnell, Jr. in the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island and at Textron, and participated in the RWU Law Business Start-up Clinic, which provides transactional legal services to nonprofit organizations and small businesses in Rhode Island. [Jessie.Reniere@SegueFL.org](mailto:Jessie.Reniere@SegueFL.org)

**DR. ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ** - [Term: October 2020 – June 2023] Dr. Rodriguez graduated from the University of New Mexico with a Ph.D. in Special Education, with an emphasis in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Mathematics Education. For 16 years, he taught students with low incidence disabilities mathematics and was the recipient of the 2011 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Education in the State of New Mexico. His mathematics program at Cibola High School was awarded an Intel Innovation Grant in 2012. Dr. Rodriguez has developed an inclusive mathematics curriculum for Illustrative Mathematics, Oro Valley, AZ. He is a proud member of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD), serving on their Board from 2016-2020; TODOS –Mathematics for All; and The National Council for Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM). He currently works as an Associate Professor of Education at Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island. He enjoys coaching, building things, and spending time with his cool kids and cat (Gary). [Anthony.Rodriguez@SegueFL.org](mailto:Anthony.Rodriguez@SegueFL.org)

**LAUREN SCHECHTMAN** - [Term: October 2019 – June 2022] Lauren Schechtman is a founding Segue board member and co-chaired the Segue Board of Directors in its early years. She spent the last 25 years working at the College Crusade of Rhode Island where she was responsible for the strategic direction, management, administration, and implementation of all Crusade middle school programs, grants, and collaborative initiatives. Prior to her work at the Crusade, Lauren worked for Times2, and was a Clinical Administrator in a residential treatment facility and also directed a secure treatment facility for violent adolescent males in Massachusetts. She graduated from Florida International University with a degree in Social Work. Lauren lives with her husband Joe, has two grown children and recently became a grandmother. [Lauren.Schechtman@SegueFL.org](mailto:Lauren.Schechtman@SegueFL.org)

**MIMI TSIANE** - [Term: July 2021 – June 2024] Mimi Tsiane is an educator, youth advocate and diversity consultant. Born in Botswana, Africa, she came to America in pursuit of life, liberty and learning. Tsiane earned a Masters of Education in Urban Teaching, and an MA in Organizational Communication. Her career began in nonprofit, working to build and sustain communities in Providence; it later expanded to youth advocacy. With over 10 years in education and community engagement, Mrs. Tsiane has worked with local schools and agencies in RI in leading efforts to establish school systems founded in diverse, equitable, inclusive practices that honor and celebrate learning for ALL students.

Her work of leading in diversity initiatives continues in local schools; she currently serves as Director of School Culture and Community at RINI Middle College. [Mimi.Tsiane@SegueFL.org](mailto:Mimi.Tsiane@SegueFL.org)