

## **14 Military, Government and School District Leaders Chosen for National School Superintendent Training Program**

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**LOS ANGELES** – Fourteen prominent leaders from across the country, including high-ranking military officers, government officials and education executives, have been selected to participate in the 2010 [Broad Superintendents Academy](#), The Broad Center for the Management of School Systems announced today.

The Broad (rhymes with “road”) Superintendents Academy is a 10-month executive management training program run by [The Broad Center](#) to prepare prominent leaders from education, military, business, nonprofit and government sectors to lead urban public school systems. The Broad Superintendents Academy is the only program in the country that recruits and trains non-traditional superintendent candidates as well as stand-out career educators.

To date, Broad Superintendents Academy graduates have filled 68 superintendent positions and 88 senior school district executive positions [nationwide](#), including 43 percent of all external superintendent openings in large urban American school districts last year, more than double the percent filled in previous years. Broad Superintendents Academy graduates who have served as superintendents for three or more years are [outperforming comparison groups](#) in raising student achievement on state reading and math exams, closing achievement gaps and raising graduation rates.

“We are delighted that these talented men and women will join more than 100 other leaders across the country who are working tirelessly to create new, effective urban public school systems that dramatically improve results for millions of students,” said Eli Broad, founder of [The Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation](#), which funds The Broad Center.

This year’s class includes a nationally recognized California school district superintendent, a national Teach For America executive who previously led Louisiana’s Hurricane Katrina and Rita recovery efforts, a Texas state commissioner and an Ohio regional transit CEO.

[This year’s class](#) also includes high-ranking Army and Air Force leaders, including a major general who oversaw 45,000 combat soldiers in Iraq and led officers of 26 nations to coordinate efforts in Afghanistan, a brigadier general who led the Army to create and deploy a 4,000 man organization into combat anywhere in the world within 96 hours, and a colonel who created nationally recognized business practices to better utilize the skills and talents of 60,000 Army officers.

A full list of participants is below. Full biographies can be found at <http://www.broadacademy.org/fellows/2010.html>, and photos are available upon request.

Following a rigorous review and selection process, only 2 percent of this year's applicants were accepted into the program.

Participants in The Broad Superintendents Academy keep their current jobs and attend extended-weekend training sessions covering [CEO-level skills](#) in education, finance, management, operations and organizational systems. This year's sessions will be held in Aldine, Texas, Denver, Garden Grove, Calif., Long Beach, Calif., New York City, and Washington, D.C. The Broad Center covers tuition, travel and all program expenses. At the conclusion of the program, The Broad Center will help place participants in urban school districts as superintendents and senior executives.

The 2010 class is the ninth to be trained by The Broad Superintendents Academy. Nearly 73 percent of the graduates of the first six classes have been hired around the country as superintendents or as school district executives or have been promoted into those positions. Seventy percent of them are still working in the same, similar, or higher positions.

The Broad Superintendents Academy has trained more working superintendents in large urban school districts than any other national training program. Graduates of the program currently work as superintendents in 38 cities across 25 states. For a list of cities, please visit <http://www.broadacademy.org/fellows/map.html>.

The Broad Center for the Management of School Systems is funded by The Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation, a national venture philanthropy established by entrepreneur and philanthropist Eli Broad to advance entrepreneurship for the public good in education, science and the arts. The Broad Foundation's education work is focused on dramatically improving urban K-12 public education through better governance, management, labor relations and competition. Eli Broad is a renowned business leader who founded two Fortune 500 companies, SunAmerica Inc. and KB Home. For more information, please visit [www.broadcenter.org](http://www.broadcenter.org) or [www.broadfoundation.org](http://www.broadfoundation.org).

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**The Broad Center for the Management of School Systems  
2010 Broad Superintendents Academy  
Participants**

Jennifer Blaine  
Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and  
Instruction  
Spring Branch Independent School District  
**Houston**

Ann Blakeney Clark  
Chief Academic Officer  
**Charlotte** Mecklenburg Schools, **N.C.**

Sean Byrne  
Major General/Commanding General  
United States Army  
Human Resources Command  
**Alexandria, Va.**

Sharon Contreras  
Chief Academic Officer  
**Providence** Public Schools, **R.I.**

Silvanus Taco Gilbert  
Brigadier General (Ret.)  
Corporate Director of Strategic Planning  
Sierra Nevada Corporation  
**Reno, Nev.**

Daniel Hahn  
Major General (Ret.)  
United States Army  
**East Canton, Ohio**

James Quezon Hammond  
Superintendent  
**Davis** Joint Unified School District, **Calif.**

Anne Heiligenstein  
Commissioner  
Texas Department of Family and Protective  
Services  
**Austin, Texas**

Andy Kopplin  
Senior Advisor to Chief Executive Officer  
Teach For America  
**Baton Rouge, La.**

Michael Rounds  
Brigadier General (Ret.)  
Director  
Human Performance Resource Center at the  
Uniformed Services University of Health  
Sciences, **Fairfax, Va.**

Irvin Scott  
High School Academic Superintendent  
**Boston** Public Schools

Marilyn Shazor  
Chief Executive Officer  
Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority  
**Cincinnati**

Casey Wardynski  
Colonel/Director  
Office of Economic & Manpower Analysis  
United States Military Academy  
**West Point, N.Y.**

John White  
Interim Acting Deputy Chancellor for  
Strategy and Innovation  
**New York City** Department of Education