

Inspiring Insights Newsletter



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Spotlight

A Spotlight on Kevin McGahey

Kevin became the Treasurer on the Board of Directors for Educate. Radiate. Elevate. because he wanted to help expand the reach of the organization to benefit more children who may need it.

Born and raised in Texas, he attended Texas A&M University, where he met his wife and eventually started a family. He is a first-generation college graduate who battled many obstacles to get where he is today. Kevin has always loved working with numbers. He knew he always wanted to pursue a career in accounting since high school.

"By surrounding yourself with those you feel are successful or you want to emulate, your odds of achieving success are improved because you can maintain a support group to help each other reach your respective goals.."

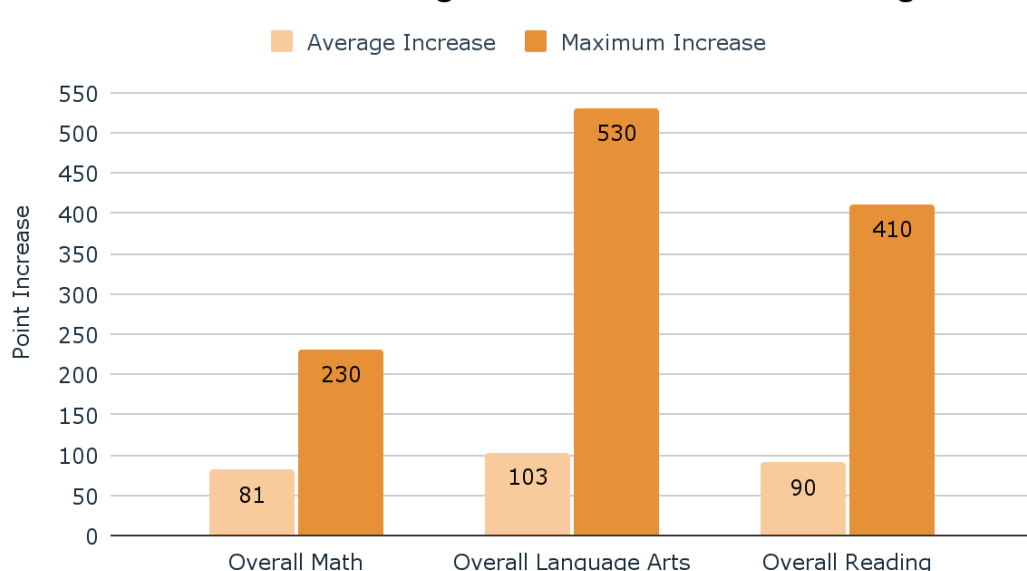
Learn more about Kevin [here](#).



E.R.E. Updates

We entered our 3rd year and started our 5th term with students!

2021-23 Score Changes After 4 Months of Tutoring



This year has been a time of abundant growth for E.R.E.!



[My tutor's] support for my college path meant the world to me! She was so excited and happy at the news and she has been a wonderful support through my whole college application process. I look forward to our next meeting. - 11th grader

The first month has been great, [My tutor] has been amazing to work with as always! She is very kind and helped me better understand the equations and concepts I was struggling with by working with me through various examples. - 12th grader

[My child] is definitely a lot more confident in her math skills. Also willing to learn new concepts. She was able to improve her math grade over the course of the semester. - Parent of 11th grader

I am so happy I get to work with [this student] again this Term! I am giving her a bit more challenging work this time, so we can really focus on prepping for the SEHS. I have her working a grade level above in math, language, writing, and some science skills. - Tutor of 6th grader



We are excited for even more success in 2023!

Read our recent Blogs for students, parents, and educators:

- [Counseling Services for Families](#)
- [Inspiring Students Who Have Lost Motivation](#)
- [10 Ways to Relieve Stress](#)
- [Humanitarian Movements in United States History](#)
- [Educational Failure: How the Current State of Schools Perpetuates Underachievement](#)

E.R.E. Announcements

- **Informational Session:** We are holding an informational session for those interested in learning more about E.R.E. and reducing the achievement gap that is plaguing underserved communities. [Pre-register today for this Thurs, April 6](#) and join the movement to make a lasting change. NOTE: The next opportunity will not be until August!
- **Fundraising Committee:** We are searching for new members to join our dedicated fundraising team! As a member of our Fundraising Committee, you will play a significant role in our early phases of development and help ensure our sustainability for many years to come. [Join today!](#)
- **Advisory Committee:** This committee is made up of parents, students, educators, and leaders in the communities of/near Chicago, DFW, and Houston. They provide a unique perspective of the students' needs, which E.R.E. highly values! To learn more, email the [Executive Director!](#)
- **Volunteers:** We are looking for volunteer [ambassadors](#), [interns](#), [tutors](#), and operational [professionals](#). As a member of Educate. Radiate. Elevate. you will have the opportunity to collaborate with a varied group of people and make a real difference in society. [Apply now!](#)

Recent News in Education

[Six education issues to watch during Illinois legislative session](#)



Chalkbeat Chicago

February 24, 2023

The Illinois Spring Session budget proposes increased funding for several key areas, including early education, mental health, literacy, and support for migrant students. These funds will provide preschool programs, mental health services, reading programs, interventions for students, bilingual education, counseling, and other services. The proposed budget aims to address the needs of vulnerable students and improve educational outcomes for all students in Illinois.

Do you hope the Illinois legislation goes through with this increased funding? Why or why not?

[Students switch up college plans as states pass anti-LGBTQ laws](#)



NBC

March 4, 2023

Students are changing their college plans due to anti-LGBTQ laws passed by certain states in the United States. These laws can make it more difficult for LGBTQ+ individuals to access healthcare, advocacy, and other services. LGBTQ+ advocacy groups are calling on colleges and universities to publicly oppose these laws and support LGBTQ+ students. Additionally, some colleges are offering scholarships and other resources to LGBTQ+ students who may face discrimination in their home states.

Should LGBTQ+ students consider not going to potential dream schools because of these laws? Why or why not?

We will continue to keep you in the loop with updates about Educate. Radiate. Elevate. as well about education, equity, community news, and the like. If you know someone who is also passionate about helping youth, supporting educational equity, and fostering community development, please forward them this newsletter so they can [sign up!](#)