

Jordan Jerome Harrison

EDUCATION

UC San Diego, San Diego, CA

PhD Education in a Diverse Society

Sept 2021- June 2026

Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge MA

Master of Education, Prevention Science and Practice,

May 2018 Urban Scholar Fellow

Specialized in Positive Youth Development, Equity programs, Restorative Practice in school districts and MBTA police and Organizational Leadership in greater Boston and Cambridge

San Diego State University, San Diego CA

Bachelor of Science in Business Marketing, minor in Social Psychology

May 2014

EXPERIENCE

Reality Changers

Dec 2013- Present

Vice President, Community Impact and Partnerships

September 2020- Present

- Community representative and advocate for policy and community partnerships to decrease education inequity within San Diego County
- Advisor to CEO on the following: educational best practices, community impact and policy advocacy
- Oversight of all 8th- alumni program serving over 3500 first generation students and families within San Diego county
- Lead Equity committee within Reality Changers for culture and personnel development

Senior Director of programs

July 2018- Present

- Oversight of all 8th-12th grade programming including San Diego, and Santa Ana serving over 750 students and managing staff
- Planned and executed all major events (Celebrations, Fundraisers) with an average attendance of 3500 attendees from operations to marketing

Director of College Town (8th-11th grade)

Aug 2015- Aug 2017

- Managed a team of 10+ employees (Juvenile hall program director, 8 achievement coaches, volunteer coordinator, parent coordinator, 2 program assistants, 2 interns with over 400 students and 200 volunteers)
- Organized annual three-day leadership camp for 250 students and 150 volunteers to build community and teach hour long nightly group lessons to empower and encourage students before starting the academic school year
- Secured and programed two new middle school partnerships by working with school principals, counselors and the San Diego Unified School district for 8th-grade challenge assemblies for students with a 2.0 and below
- Planned, coordinated and budgeted summer programming for 178 students weekly over a 3-month period that focuses on soft skills development and college exposure through college visits
- Worked with the board to create a five-year strategic plan for 8-11th grade programming and outcomes
- Led the 80 student “delegation” leadership program teaching networking skills, public speaking skills, emotional intelligence and designed professional mentorship program with C-level executives
- Presented quarterly workshops with international fellowship delegates through the San Diego Diplomacy Council to discuss national educational challenges for low income, first generation high school students
- Coordinated and hosted 2017 graduation scholarship celebration for 325 graduating seniors and 5,000+ family members and community leaders

Site Director & Development Associate

Aug 2014- Aug 2015

- Promoted to site director of North county program consisting of 64 Latinx students and 30 volunteers

- Responsible for entire north county program management (8th-12th grade), teaching weekly lessons and students' academic and personal growth of a 100% Latinx student population
- Assisted in all development aspects of the organization including outreach and stewardship of potential donors, cold calling, presented 71 presentations to potential donors
- Built partnerships with universities for matriculating alumni students and CBO's to increase the quality of programming and graduation rate of first-generation graduates of Reality Changers

Chief Inspiration Officer

Dec 2013- Aug 2014

- Co-organized our annual college festival that brought over 20 universities and 10 CBO's to City Heights to educate our students and community at large about higher education
- Tracked 250 students and pushed the students to reach 50 hours of community service per year and a GPA goal of 3.0
- Speech coach of 40 students within the program and organizer of monthly speech tournaments

Keynotes (*Since 2013 Jordan has given over 750 speeches to over 100,000 people from high school students to working professionals across the world*)

- 2019 SDSU EOP graduation speaker, San Diego International Delegation speaker, Boston Minds Matters, Our Lives Matters keynote, ABC 10 news on White Fragility and Anti-racism, LEAD San Diego DEI speaker, UnidosUS on Black and Brown solidarity, and many others
- 2018 Northwestern Mutual annual meeting keynote, Rotary International Speaker for five different district conferences, and many others

Consulting (Harrison currently consults companies around Anti-Racism, Equity and Inclusion, program assessment and leadership development, listed below are a few:

- Posse Foundation (Facilitation and curriculum consultant for three day leadership summits for over 250 college students on race, privilege and power across the country)
- San Diego Unified school district (African American student success and engagement)
- Lemon Grove School District (College and career planning K-8)
- Northwestern Mutual (DEI)
- Grossmont Adult learning professional learning (Anti-racism year long series for institutional and personal change management)
- Rotary International (Consult over 200 individual clubs and districts on equity and inclusion in USA, Canada and Europe)
- Rhymes with Reason (National social-emotional curriculum design for national tech company)

Community Organizing

- African American Achievement Summit (Annual event for all Black identified students in San Diego)
- Student African American Brotherhood (President of the alumni association)
- Black Student Union San Diego Coalition founding advisor
- Rotary International (International speaker on diversity and inclusion)
- African and African American safe space dialogues (bridging the divide between our African ancestry communities)
- San Diego Diplomacy Council (worked with over 250 international delegates on education legislation for equitable educational systems)
- Current board member of: Grandparents Connection, Mid City CAN, Hands of Peace

Fellowships

- UNIDOS Latino school leaders fellow, 2019 (One of twelve national candidates to focus on Latinx policies for national improvement)
- LEAD San Diego Fellow, 2019 (Senior leaders in San Diego selected to study and consult nonprofits)
- Harvard Graduate school of education Urban Scholar Fellow, 2018

