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t's called Global TC Day, but it lasts for weeks. For the 2017 edition, the TC family gathered to share meals in Seattle, San Francisco, Toronto, Miami, Manila and São Paulo. Yingshi Yang (Ed.D. '09) led a behind-the-scenes tour at the National Art Museum of China in Beijing, and Sarah Bolson Barnett (M.A. '09) hosted TC alumni at the New York Botanical Garden, where she is Associate Vice President for Foundation Relations.

In Japan, alumni gained special access to the Yokota Air Base, taking part in a series of education research presentations. In Jerusalem, alumni discussed Israeli education and ways to leverage a TC degree. Alumni in Atlanta beat the heat at an ice cream festival.

[RE-SEEDING MEMORIES]

Sarah Bolson Barnett (M.A. '09), Associate Vice President for Foundation Relations, hosted alumni at the New York Botanical Garden. And in the Berkshires, alumni and friends joined President Susan Fuhrman (Ph.D. '77) at Jacob's Pillow to enjoy the Paul Taylor Dance Company.

Once again, technology shrank time and distance.

From TG's Cowin Center, Christopher Emdin, Associate Professor of Science Education, gave a presentation on urban education via Livestream. And Fuhrman answered questions during a TC first-ever "Ask Me Anything" session on Facebook Live, moderated by Rosella Garcia, Senior Director of Alumni Relations. Questions touched on the preservation and advancement of public education and TG's role in educational research.

Launched in 2013 (the College's 125th anniversary), the biennial event marks TC's worldwide impact. "Global TC Day is always a great success thanks to our alumni volunteers," said Garcia. "No matter the distance between us, we're all part of the same community, furthering TC's mission to build a better world." – JOE LEVINE

AROUND THE WORLD ON GLOBAL TC DAY

Check out more Global TC Day pictures and doings at www.tc.edu/globaltcday



[MANILA, PHILIPPINES]



[CHICAGO, ILLINOIS]



[SINGAPORE]

[SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA]



PAINTING THE TOWN HALF RED
Bay area alumni toured San Francisco's Museum of Modern Art and dined with TC psychologist Derald Wing Sue. Here, Prentice Le
Clair (M.A. '12) contemplates "No. 14" by Mark
Rothko. For more Global TC Day photos,
visit Facebook.com/TeachersCollegeAlumni



[YOKOTA AIR FORCE BASE, WEST TOKYO]

[HAPPY RETURN]



Shining Ever Brighter

Time hasn't diminished TC's Golden Alumni

t was 1955. Dwight D. Eisenhower was president. *Rebel Without a Cause* was a first-run feature and "Mystery Train" topped the charts. ■ Tennessee graduate schools weren't admitting black teaching students — but a colleague told Velma Jones "that you could petition the state to pay for graduate school elsewhere," recalled Jones (M.A. '57) in May at TC's third annual Golden Anniversary brunch for alumni who graduated 50 years ago or more. "She'd gone to TC that way, and she said I could, too." ■ Jones, who became the first black classroom teacher to serve as President of the Tennessee Education Association, later earning special recognition from President Barack Obama, joined more than 30 Golden Alumni who brunched in Everett Lounge and then — wearing gold-colored robes — marched at the first of TC's three 2017 master's degree Convocation ceremonies. For more photos and video visit **tc.edu/alumni/golden**.

[WELL-CONNECTED]

Teachers College has (count 'em)



Arts & Humanities

ART & ART EDUCATION
The work of Harry Leigh
(M.A. '59) was part of Undercurrents: The River as Metaphor/Hudson Valley Artists
2017, an exhibit at the Samuel
Dorsky Museum of Art at the
State University of New
York at New Paltz.

ENGLISH EDUCATION

Brice Particelli (Ph.D. '14,
M.Phil. '14, M.Ed. '11) was
named a 2017 Artist Fellow
in Nonfiction Literature by
the New York State Council on
the Arts/New York Foundation
for the Arts.

[TEACHING OF SOCIAL STUDIES]

William Seraile (M.A. '67), who taught African-American history for 36 years at Lehman College, has written five widely acclaimed books and received the Carter G. Woodson Scholars Medallion for historical publications.

MUSIC & MUSIC EDUCATION Anastasia Pike (Ed.D.CT. '11) is the Founder and Artistic Director of the Christopher Newport University Harp Festival, which debuted in March. Pike has also given several recent performances, workshops and presentations. Her harp/voice duo, the Élan Ensemble, released its first album, *Jane Austen's Songbook*.

Marvin Rosen (Ed.D.CT. '85, Ed.D. '85, M.Ed. '83) celebrated 20 years of hosting Classical Discoveries, a classical music show on WPRB-FM at Princeton University.

[ALUMNI FOCUS]

Honoring Cultural Knowledge

Channeling Shirley Chisholm and a father who cared

asmin Morales-Alexander (Ed.D. '16) used to accompany her father, Victor, to his job as a janitor at Lehman College in the Bronx. While he mopped floors and collected garbage, she looked at atlases and encyclopedias in the library. "If I let him get his work done he'd take me to White Castle," says Morales-Alexander, now Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education at Lehman.

In May, Morales-Alexander received Teachers College's inaugural Shirley Chisholm Dissertation Award, named for the late alumna who



was the first African-American woman to serve in Congress and the first black candidate to seek a major party's presidential nomination. The award recognizes recent doctoral graduates whose work has promoted racial and gender equality through a deeper understanding of people of color.

For her TC dissertation, Morales-Alexander interviewed Mexican immigrant families whose children attended a New York City Head Start Program. Contrary to stereotype, these Latino parents were "wholly engaged in their children's education, passing on knowledge rooted in Mexican culture.

"They weren't doing anything different than other parents, but their cultural knowledge is not validated across a wide spectrum of American society," she says.

Earlier this year, Morales-Alexander received Lehman's Urban Transformative Education Award for promoting justice, equity and caring in urban schools. The college also honored her father as a lifelong employee and committed parent.

"My father was invested in my development and success as a person," she says. "I'm living proof that Latino families are very much committed to their children's well-being and education." — ROBERT FLORIDA Mark Tonelli (Ed.D. '15, M.Ed. '14) was selected as a Coleman Foundation Faculty Entrepreneurship Fellow for 2017-18. He also joined the artist roster of D'Addario Fretted Instruments and helped plan the 2016 National Conference of the Society for Arts Entrepreneurship Education.

PHILOSOPHY & THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

llene Leff (M.A. '69) cofounded Western Connecticut Leadership, a program to educate proven leaders and accomplished professionals in community needs and to encourage them to become actively engaged as board members, substantive volunteers and changemakers.

Jack Nolan (Ph.D. '78, M.A. '72) published Vietnam Remix, a novel that recalls the bizarre world of civilian-cover Army intelligence in Saigon in 1967-68.

RELIGION & EDUCATION Sheryl Kujawa-Holbrook

(Ed.D. '93) published God Beyond Borders: Interreligious Learning Among Faith Communities (Pickwick), inaugurating the new Horizons series of the Religious Education Association.

TEACHING OF SOCIAL STUDIES

William Seraile (M.A. '67) taught African-American history for 36 years at Lehman College in the Bronx (1971-2007). He has written five books on African-American history and received Outstanding and Distinguished Alumni awards from Central Washington University and the Carter G. Woodson Scholars Medallion for historical publications from the Association for the Study of African American Life and History.

TEACHING OF SPANISH Jim Best (M.Ed. '98, M.A. '98) will become Head of New York's Dalton School in June 2018

Biobehavioral Sciences

APPLIED PHYSIOLOGY Fresh Pond Physical Therapy, owned by **Liza Tan** (M.A. '01), was named one of the 100 fastest-growing companies in 2016 by the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City. The business was also included on the Fortune Inner City 100 list.

Curriculum & Teaching

CURRICULUM & TEACHING Saloma B. Grose (Ed.D. '77) received the Visionary Award from Norwalk ACTS for her "courage, tenacity and vision in support of all of Norwalk's children."

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[FROM YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT]

We're Taking Names

Don't get left out of TC's alumni directory

Dear TC Colleagues and Friends,

he TC Alumni Association is 90,000 members strong. The 35-member Alumni Council serves as the voice of, and coordinating body for, the Association. I am honored to serve as the President of the Council for 2017-19. ■ My 20-year career at TC, which took me from doctoral student/work study to Director of International Services, was extremely rewarding. I worked with the best and brightest from around the world as well as with U.S. students interested in international educational exchange. International alumni from the 1990s and 2000s may remember me welcoming you to TC, making sure you



"stayed legal" and cheering you on till graduation, and after. Since 2009, I have greatly enjoyed serving on TC's Alumni Council, helping (re)connect alumni to the College. The Council is a diverse, distinguished and dedicated volunteer group. ■ TC is once again partnering with Publishing Concepts, Inc. (PCI) to publish our final printed

Alumni Directory. PCI will be contacting alumni (look for the yellow postcard!), asking for your current information. We hope you'll participate so we can stay in touch with you more effectively and your classmates will be better able to connect with you. www.tc.edu/alumni/directory ■ If you'd like a more active connection to the College, consider joining the Alumni Council! www.tc.edu/ alumni/getinvolved And if you know an alum who has made exceptional contributions to, and substantial impact on, their profession, please consider a nomination for the 2019 Distinguished Alumni or Early Career Award. www.tc.edu/alumni/awards

Sincerely.

Marion RBoulthee PRESIDENT,
TEACHERS COLLEGE

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

[PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING]

TC 2016 Distinguished Alumni Awardee Randy Bennett (Ed.D. '79, M.Ed. '78, M.A. '77) was appointed President of the National Council on Measurement in Education. He was also named a Fellow of the American Educational Research Association.

Penny B. Howell (Ed.D. '04, M.Ed. '99) received the University of Louisville's 2016 Distinguished Faculty Award.

William Rice (M.Ed. '15) is now Assistant Executive Director of Schools & Curriculum at Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES). Susan Goetz Zwirn (Ed.D. '02), Graduate Director and Professor of Art Education in the School of Education, Hofstra University, spent a week in Suhareka, Kosovo working with the ArtsAction Group, an international community-based collective that facilitates arts initiatives with children in conflict-affected environments. Zwirn gave a related talk at the National Art Education Association's annual conference.

EARLY CHILDHOOD/ SPECIAL EDUCATION

Aaron Sauberan (M.A. '97) was promoted to Principal of Loma Vista School in northern California.

ELEMENTARY/CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Asha Sundararajan (M.A. '03) founded Creative Technology Workshop, which provides a foundation to advanced STEAM learning experiences through robotics.

Keira Dillon (M.A. '07) received a 2017 Big Apple Award, a competitive prize that rewards "exceptional success" in instruction in New York City schools.

Michael Grimaldi (M.A. '16) was recently appointed
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction at the Eastport-South Manor

Central School District on Long Island, NY.

Nash Matute (M.A. '13) received a 2017 Big Apple Award, a competitive prize that rewards "exceptional success" in instruction in New York City schools.

Education Policy & Social Analysis

SOCIOLOGY & EDUCATION Geoffrey Moss (Ph.D. '92, M.Phil. '92, M.A. '85) authored Artistic Enclaves in the Post-Industrial City: A Case Study of Lawrenceville Pittsburgh (Springer).

Vanessa Morest (Ph.D. '02, M.Phil. '01, M.A. '97) became Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Westchester Community College in New York.

Health & Behavior Studies

HEALTH EDUCATION

TC's 2012 Early Career Award Honoree, **Betty Perez-Rivera** (Ed.D. '03, M.S. '01, M.A. '77), and her daughter, **Tiffany C. Rivera** (M.A. '10), founded the Institute of Education for the Care of Chronic Diseases with a mission to provide innovative health education.

Amy Bostian (M.A. '05) was appointed Principal of Blueberry Hill Elementary School in Longmeadow,

TC 2016 Distinguished Alumni Awardee **Randy Bennett** (Ed.D. '79, M.Ed. '78, M.A. '77) was



appointed President of the National Council on Measurement in Education (NCME). He was also named a Fellow of the American Educational Research Association.

NUTRITION EDUCATION Lorelei DiSogra (Ed.D. '79, M. Ed. '73, M.S. '71), Vice President of Nutrition and Health at the United Fresh Produce Association (since retired), was honored at the company's Reception Honoring Women in Produce.

Professor Emerita Joan Gussow

(Ed.D. '75) received the Helen Denning Ullrich Award for Lifetime Excellence in Nutrition Education at the 50th Annual Conference of the Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior.

Barbara Storper's (M.S. '82) live theater show, FOODPLAY, which uses magic, music, juggling and audience participation to teach children how to make healthier food choices, has been performed for over 5,000,000 kids across the United States. Storper received

TC's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2006.

NURSING EDUCATION
PROFESSIONAL ROLES
Elizabeth Speakman (Ed.D.
'oo, M.Ed. '85) was named
Associate Provost for Interprofessional Education at the
University of the Sciences in
Philadelphia.

SPECIAL EDUCATION
After 35 years in his profession, **Dwight Hardy** (M.A. '77) retired from full-time special education teaching. He

currently works as a substitute teacher for Fulton County Schools in Atlanta and as an afterschool counselor at Lake Windward Elementary with the Alpharetta YMCA.

Interdisciplinary Studies

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES IN EDUCATION TC 2012 Distinguished Alumni Awardee **Kevin Jennings** (M.A. '94) has been named the next

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Best and Brightest.

"The endowed scholarship I will create at Teachers College will be made in honor of Dr. Ernest Osborne — a great professor and a great mentor.

"TC has always had the best and brightest of faculty, and I hope I can help future students to learn from these impressive minds."

—Lila Swell, Ed.D.
Family & Community Education
Grace Dodge Society member since 2015

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President of New York's Tenement Museum.

International & Transcultural Studies

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT

Allen Kenneth Schaidle (M.A. '15) was named Director of Student Services at American University of Iraq.

Prentice Le Clair (M.A. '12) is proud to announce the birth of his second son, Julien Prentice Le Clair.

Colette Mazzucelli (M.Ed. '11) co-edited the *Genocide Studies*

[ADULT LEARNING & LEADERSHIP]

Tonia Casarin (M.A. '16) won Brazil's 2017 Global Impact Challenge, promoted by Singularity University, for her project focused on building a platform to assess and prepare teachers in social and emotional learning.

and Prevention Special Issue: Information and Communication Technologies in Mass Atrocities Research and Response and co-authored the issue's opening article. She

is also participating in Brandeis University's Summer Institute for Israel Studies in Waltham, MA and in Israel, and will take part in the 6th Global Diplomacy Lab meetings in Buenos Aires.

Mathematics, Science & Technology

COMMUNICATION & EDUCATION

TC 2013 Distinguished Alumni Awardee **Bobby Susser** (M.A. '87) recorded his 26th children's album, releasd by his record company, Smithsonian Folkways Recordings.

MATHEMATICS EDUCATION

Valerie Camille Jones

(Ed.D. '11) was featured in the *ONward!* video series, a collaboration between Old Navy and the nonprofit i am OTHER. The series featured music videos performed by educators who use music in their lessons.

Angela Palmer (M.A. '08) was appointed Gallery Director at Creative Gateways, an art collective in Sedona, AZ.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SCIENCE EDUCATION George Papayannis (M.A. '03) twice summited Mount

[ALUMNI FOCUS]

Caring for the Community

 $Paloma\ Iz quier do-Hernandez\ has\ expanded\ her\ father's\ health\ clinic\ to\ serve\ low-income\\ patients\ across\ New\ York\ City$



aloma Izquierdo-Hernandez's sister, born with Down syndrome, inspired her to study speech pathology at Teachers College. ■ Now President and CEO of Urban Health Plan (UHP), among the nation's largest community health centers, Izquierdo-Hernandez (M.S. '79) still helps people whom she understands like family. ■ Her sense of community begins with her grandfather, a Puerto Rican émigré who was among New York City's first bodega owners: "He'd stand on a corner, and if a lot of people walked by, he'd open a store there. People loved him, and he loved the neighborhood." ■ Izquierdo-Hernandez's father, Dr. Richard Izqui-

erdo, who has served the South Bronx for over 52 years, founded UHP as a single clinic in Hunts Point, one of America's poorest neighborhoods: "When the fires raged in the 1970s, he stuck it out instead of moving out. Many merchants said, 'If Doc is staying, we'll stay, too." Today UHP is a federally funded community health center serving over 80,000 uninsured or under-insured patients in three boroughs, with services from dental care to neurology and a strong focus on primary care. Its 23 sites include an Adolescent Health and Wellness Center, three WIC sites and a workforce development center. UHP has been multiply honored, and Izquierdo-Hernandez has received the Heritage Award from Columbia University's Latino Alumni Association: "We are trying to change the South Bronx's infrastructure by building support systems for the people who chose to stay here." — ROBERT FLORIDA

Washington, the tallest peak in New England, as part of a fundraising hike for the Museum of Science, Boston.

TEACHER EDUCATION IN SCIENCE

Sabrina D. Avila (M.Ed. '17) is a Project Coordinator for CUNY Queens College's Title V STEM grant. On July 2, 2017, she married Retired Army Staff Sergeant Eduardo R. Avila, Sr., a recipient of the Purple Heart award and a fellow educator. They now reside with their three teenage children in the New York metro area.

Organization & Leadership

ADULT EDUCATION GUIDED INTENSIVE STUDY

Richanne C. Mankey (Ed.D. '07) received an Ohio Northern University Distinguished Alumni Award, the highest honor that the Alumni Board bestows upon its graduates.

Adult Learning & Leadership

Tonia Casarin (M.A. '16) won the 2017 Global Impact Challenge in Brazil promoted by Singularity University, which considered projects that proposed radical ideas to improve education. Casarin's project focused on building a platform to assess, train, certify and coach teachers in social and emotional learning.

Sharon Ha (M.A. '11) has been named Vice Principal of the Fayston Prep School in Seoul, South Korea.

Educational Administration

Robert E. Gustafson, Jr., (M.A.

'84) was named the 17th president of Erskine College and Theological Seminary.

Henry J. Pruitt, Jr., (Ed.D. '75, M.Ed. '73) retired from the William Paterson University Board of Trustees. The longest-serving board member in the University's modern history, he was named Trustee Emeritus in recognition of his dedication.

Luns C. Richardson (M.A. '58)

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TEACHERS COLLEGE COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

A Graduate School of Education, Health & Psychology

Note to Self BUILD A FUTURE...



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Learn more about TC's non-credit continuing professional studies courses at TC.edu/CPS

[SOCIAL-ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY]

What's Mom Still Got To Do With It?, a recent book by career counselor Ilana Tolpin Levitt (M.A. '89, M.Ed. '88), helps women reanimate their careers through understanding their mother-daughter relationships.

retired after serving as President of Morris College for 43 years. He was one of the nation's longest-serving college presidents.

Evelyn Rossetti-Ryan (Ed.D. '05, M.A. '91) was appointed Chief of Marketing and Outreach for Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES).

Higher Education

Lynn M. Gangone (Ed.D. '99, M.Ed. '99) has been appointed President and CEO of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

HIGHER & POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Deniece Dortch (M.Ed. '13)

was appointed Program Manager of the African-American Doctoral Scholars Initiative at University of Utah.

Conor McLaughlin (M.A. '07) graduated with a Ph.D. in Leadership Studies from the University of San Diego School of Leadership and Education Sciences.

Nurse Executive

Joe Mazzo (M.A. '04) is the new CEO of the John Randolph Medical Center in Hopewell, VA.

Private School Leadership

Jalene Spain Thomas (M.A. '11) was appointed Lower School Director of St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, a college preparatory Episcopal Church school in the Diocese of Virginia.

SOCIAL-ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Debbie Santalesa (M.A. 'oo) is working for the CARE (Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere) global humanitarian emergency

response team. She spent the last four years managing programs to support Syrians in Syria, Turkey and Iraq.

Ilana Tolpin Levitt (M.A. '89, M.Ed. '88) is a licensed clinical career counselor and human resources executive. Her recent book, *What's Mom Still Got To Do With It?*; aims to breathe new life into women's careers by helping them understand their mother-daughter relationships.

Public School Building Leadership

Andrew Paulsen (M.Ed. '17) was a National Finalist for the Fishman Prize and was honored with a Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching grant to Taiwan.

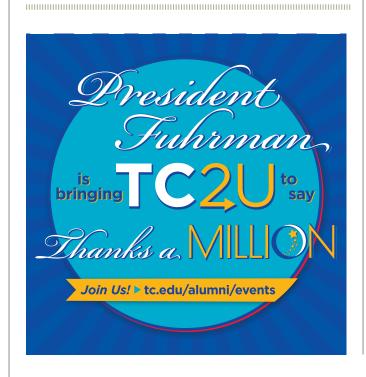
Student Personnel Administration

Since graduating, Natalie Fleischman (M.A. '85) has worked for New York University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Vermont, Stanford University and, most recently, George Washington University.

Patrick Valdez (M.A. '02) was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the University of New Mexico Taos Branch Campus.

Urban Education Leaders

Ben Ploeger (Ed.D. '15, M.Ed. '13) is now the Superintendent of Schools at Kaohsiung American School in Taiwan.



reacher-philanthropist 3 Samuel Peabody



ew York City philanthropist Samuel Peabody (M.A. '59) died in May at 92. He helped launch Prep for Prep, which prepares students of color to attend independent schools, and chaired Citizens Committee for Children, which helps New York legislators restore funds for social programs. He received TC's 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award. Peabody left Wall Street to become a substitute teacher at a Manhattan private school. He enrolled at TC and became a lower school principal in Rye, New York. Peabody and his wife, Judy, who died in 2010, co-founded Reality House, a New York City drug rehabilitation center.

Louise Fitzpatrick



ormer Teachers College professor M. Louise Fitzpatrick (Ed.D. '72, Ed.M. '69, M.A. '68), who transformed Villanova University's College of Nursing into a national leader during her 40 years as Dean, died in September. On Fitzpatrick's watch. Villanova developed Centers for Global and Public Health, Obesity Prevention and Education, and Nursing Research. Villanova nursing students work around the world. "Nursing, while a profession, is also a ministry," said Fitzpatrick. Fitzpatrick's many books include Prologue to Professionalism: A History of Nursing (R.J. Brady 1983). She received the National League for Nursing's Award for Outstanding Leadership in Nursing Education.

[EMOTIONAL TRANSLATOR]



R. Davitz (Ph.D. '51) passed away in September at 91. Davitz's Ph.D. thesis, on techniques to defuse aggressive behavior in children, was widely cited in psychology and conflict resolution literatures. He published his explorations of the non-verbal communication of emotional states in *The Communication of Emotional Meaning* (1964) and summarized his widely-cited framework for

language used to describe emotion in *The Language of Emotion* (1969). This work is cited and used in the areas of robotics and software agents. ■ Davitz's wife of 72 years, Lois Leiderman Davitz, who survives him, was a TC psychology and education research associate. The couple collaborated on 17 books on couple and family relationships, including *Swing in Sync: Men and Women in Love*, and *Making It: 40 and Beyond — Surviving the Mid-Life Crisis*.



Leonard Blackman
Mental health pioneer Leonard
Blackman, who secured funding
to build Thorndike Hall, died
in November. A full story will
appear in spring *TC Today*.

[EDUCATOR WITH A GREEN THUMB]

Lee Sing Kong

Singapore's visionary — and TC's partner

ee Sing Kong, former Director of Singapore's National Institute of Education (NIE) and a long-time partner to Teachers College, died in May. He received Singapore's prestigious Public Administration Medal (Gold) in 2011 and TC's Distinguished Service Medal in 2013. With Lee at NIE's helm, Singapore climbed to the top of global assessments in mathematics, science and reading. Much of that success has been attributed to Lee's support and development of the nation's teaching workforce.



master's degree program with Teachers College in Leadership & Education Change. The program, which seeks to establish a new generation of educational leaders for Singapore, the Asia-Pacific region and the larger international community, focuses on both instructional and curriculum leadership. After stepping down from NIE, Lee was appointed Vice President for Education Strategies at Nanyang Technological University (NTU). He was also a noted horticulturalist whose research on aeroponics—the growing of plants in an air or mist environment without soil—helped enable "the greening of Singapore."