

Big Idea Project Board of Directors

Bryan Halsey

Teacher & Co-Founder, Big Idea Project

Bryan's tenacity, steadfastness and creativity brought the first Big Idea Project to life. Through countless volunteer hours, books read, and long nights, Bryan created his high school's first leadership curriculum. Big Idea Project was his answer for making his leadership class more than an academic obligation but rather a transformative experience. Bryan's commitment to raise up leaders in spite of lack of precedent and resources speaks volumes of the quality of his character.

Bryan is Big Idea Project's chief practitioner. He brings over ten years of experience teaching high school business, marketing and leadership. His classroom experience gives Big Idea Project the context, best practices, real-life application and teacher perspective that we need to best reach students, teachers and the community. Bryan was awarded Teacher of the Year at Columbine HS in 2013-2014. He is skilled at execution, rallying support, earning trust and developing programs and curriculum. With Bryan no task is ever dropped, every deadline is met early and expectations are surpassed.

An insatiable learner, Bryan has two post-graduate degrees. The first is a M.S. in Special Education from National University and the second a M.A. in Comparative Education from UCLA. His bachelors is from San Diego State University in Business Administration.

Tricia Halsey

Co-Founder & Executive Director, Big Idea Project

First and foremost, Tricia is a builder. She has worked with non-profit organizations and for-profit companies to build organizational capacity, identity, culture, strategy, programs, product and teams. Tricia has a keen ability to oscillate in and out of big picture-thinking and process details. She brings an aptitude for creative strategic development, a passion for excellence and keen perception of people and interpersonal issues.

Tricia is both a practitioner and student of leadership. As a business leader she was instrumental in taking a small business from start-up to recognized industry expert; designing everything from company identity, messaging, product offering and strategic relationships. As a senior leader in an international non-profit organization, she oversaw staff and programs in four countries, developed the direction for programs, led staff development and directed process improvement.



Early in her career she worked with youth and facilitated programs and experiences that nurtured personal and leadership development. Her passion for building up leaders and seeing young people reach their potential has come full circle as she builds Big Idea Project to be the foremost organization for high school leadership development in the country.

Tricia earned a M.A. in Leadership to better understand the science of leadership in order to move people and organizations to greater heights of productivity and impact. She earned her Bachelors from Pepperdine University.

Frank DeAngelis
Speaker, National Consultant

Frank DeAngelis was a staff member at Columbine High School in the Jeffco School District in Littleton Colorado, since 1979, starting as a Social Studies teacher and filling the roles of Head Baseball Coach, Assistant Football Coach, Dean of Students, and Assistant Principal, before becoming the Principal in 1996. Frank is a Colorado native, completing his K-12 education in Denver-area schools, proceeding to graduate from Metropolitan State College and subsequently from the University of Colorado with a Masters Degree in Secondary Education and Social Studies, his Principal's License and Masters Degree from the University of Phoenix. Frank has been involved in numerous professional activities and associations, and has received multiple awards for his teaching, leadership and coaching skills. He has also been called upon to speak about recovery after a school tragedy at a variety of conferences, and has assisted as a consultant after a number of other violent school events. He was selected as Colorado High Principal of the Year was one of the three finalists for National Principal of the Year. He recently received the Jefferson Country Lifetime Achievement Award and the Gandhi, King, Ikeda Community Builders Award. He retired in June of 2014 after 35 years at Columbine High School. He is presently serving as a consultant for safety and emergency management for the Jeffco School District and continues to deliver speeches around the country.

John Ikalowych
Senior Vice President, CoBiz Bank

John Ikalowych is a 13 year veteran to the Banking and Financial Services industry. He has contributed to the success of his commercial client base with over \$200MM in business capital acquisition and funding.

His passion elevates beyond simply providing commercial banking services. In addition to his Commercial Banking Role as a Senior Vice President at Colorado Business Bank,



John is also the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Colorado C-Suite Collaborative (C3), a peer driven advisory board for business owners and key executives in the Rocky Mountain Region.

His mission is to add value above and beyond banking and financial services by bringing C-Suite executives together in targeted industry verticals to benefit from peer to peer coaching and strategic planning, as well as to leverage their relationships with industry peers to generate revenue growth for their businesses.

Currently over 250 Colorado based CEOs and executives participate in C3.

Dan Streeter
Owner & CEO, IMPART! Learning Solutions

Dan Streeter is the Principal of IMPART Learning Solutions, which develops and delivers life-changing learning experiences for youth, teachers and the corporate world. As an expert in learning, instructional design and presentation delivery his company has designed learning experiences for several of the most innovative educational programs in the United States including ElevateUSA, the National Leadership Academy, Project Helping, Regis University, Meeting One and well known authors such as Tommy Spaulding, Tim Brown and Stephen McGhee.

Dan's extensive public speaking background includes presentations to thousands of business leaders and students across the country. This public speaking experience also helped Dan to successfully lead in a variety of roles in The Kent Group, where Dan served as VP of Sales and Marketing and then, as a divisional president successfully managing a staff of over 120 people.

As a High School teacher he was the recipient of numerous awards including being named the 9News Teacher Who Cares Award Winner, Colorado Teacher of the Year Nominee, Leaders Challenge Sponsor of the Year and was even awarded the coveted title of "Mr. Bear Creek", among others.

Dan has also served as the principal at Flagstone Elementary. Flagstone rated as an 'A' school and was named as the 5280 Top Elementary Schools in and around Denver and is one of only three schools in Colorado to win the 2012 United States Department of Education's Inaugural Green Ribbon Award. The Green Ribbon Award was presented to Flagstone based on their exceptional sustainability efforts and an innovative one-of-a-kind course created by Dan and his staff called "The Future of Energy and Sustainability" for all students grades K-6.



Sarah Siegler
Charter School Board Member, Community Volunteer

Sarah Siegler earned a Masters in Counseling and Psychology from the University of Colorado at Denver and a B.A. from the University of Maryland. She worked as the CEO of a start up technology company for drug and alcohol facilities, gaining skills in grant writing, marketing, software design, product management and curriculum design. Sarah worked to bridge the gap between private enterprise and government agencies.

Sarah is a creative problem solver and thinker. She was instrumental in the sale of the start up and launched a new career as a mother. Her enthusiasm for the Big Idea Project stems from parenting for the last 16 years, working in education and with at risk youth. At Denver Kids she designed curriculum for at risk youth and delivered life skills training and career education. She worked to gain connections between business and youth. She is a natural encourager, mentor and coach. Partnerships are at the heart of her work.

She and her husband have four children, three of whom are adopted. Sarah fully understands the pressures and demands on students and families and the need for leadership change through programs such as Big Idea Project. She has years of experience on various boards including Wellspring Church and Littleton Academy Charter School. This work involves creating vision, budgeting, analyzing trends, implementing change according to the vision and increasing vital partnerships. She is a mentor to adopting families and organizes an adoption support group in the Denver metro area.