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GED Testing Service Board Welcomes Two New Members

Phyllis J. Kelley and Kellie Blair Hardt Bring 30+ Years of Adult Education Experience



WASHINGTON, DC — GED Testing Service has added Phyllis J. Kelley, adult education program director and Kellie Blair Hardt, GED graduate and adult educator, to its board of directors. Kelley and Hardt were installed as new members during the February 2021 quarterly meeting.

“We are pleased to welcome Phyllis and Kellie to the GED Board of Directors. They both bring a wealth of knowledge and experience from the adult education field with passion, dedication, and a strong commitment to helping learners succeed,” said Randy Trask, chairman of the GED Board. “We are grateful to be able to leverage their expertise as active adult education leaders, focused on addressing student barriers and creating inclusive learning pathways. Phyllis and Kellie’s addition to the board will help GED Testing Service evolve as a learner-centric organization.”

The GED Board of Directors provides oversight for GED Testing Service and the GED test program. Both parent organizations believe that it is critical to have board members that have deep experience in working with adult learners and are reflective of the communities that are served by the GED program.

[Kellie Blair Hardt](#) is an adjunct faculty member and math instructor at Montgomery College's GED program in Rockville, Maryland. She is the founder of Hardt2Heart Tutoring Service for adult learners and has over 20 years of experience as a middle and high school math, science, and technology instructor. Hardt is a GED graduate and is driven by her desire to educate and mentor high school and adult learners of color and students with learning disabilities.

[Phyllis J. Kelley](#) is the Director of Adult Learning at Central Alabama Community College. She is also the President of the Alabama Adult Education Director's Association and serving an appointment on the WIOA Workforce Board for Region 2 (East Alabama). Phyllis has over 18 years of experience in the adult education field, including experience delivering professional development presentations on the local, state, and regional levels.

Hardt and Kelley join a board with directors from the education, legal and workforce development sectors. Other members of the board include Ted Mitchell, president of the American Council on Education, Cordell Jung, senior vice president and general counsel for NCS Pearson, Louis Soares, chief learning & innovation officer for the American Council on Education, Phil Hoffman, CEO of PJH Advisory Services, Vicki Greene, CEO and president of GED Testing Service, and is chaired by Randy Trask, senior vice president of Pearson Clinical Assessments.

GED Testing Service has also established a new transformation team. This group of experts from diverse backgrounds will further advise the organization on how to enhance the GED test program through the lens of equity and inclusion. This team will work directly with the Board, GED Testing Service leadership, and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion team.

More information about GED Testing Service, the GED test program, and the GED Board of Directors is available at GED.com.

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[About Kellie Blair Hardt](#)

Kellie Blair Hardt is an adjunct faculty member and math instructor at Montgomery College's GED program in Rockville, Maryland. She is the founder of Hardt2Heart Tutoring Service for adult learners and has over 20 years of experience as a middle and high school math, science, and technology instructor. Kellie earned her GED credential through Harper's Ferry Job Corps, a Bachelor's in Psychology from Virginia Tech, and a Master's in Special Education from George Mason University.

[About Phyllis J. Kelley](#)

Phyllis J. Kelley is the Director of Adult Learning at Central Alabama Community College. She is also the President of the Alabama Adult Education Director's Association and serving an appointment on the WIOA Workforce Board for Region 2 (East Alabama). Phyllis has over 18 years of experience in the adult education field, including experience delivering professional development presentations on the local, state, and regional levels. She has a Master's in Business Administration from Jacksonville State University, a graduate certificate in Accounting from DeVry University, and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration from Huntingdon College.

About GED Testing Service

The GED test has opened doors to better jobs and college programs for more than 20 million graduates since 1942. The GED test is accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and employers. As the creator of the one official GED test, GED Testing Service has a responsibility to ensure that the program continues to be a reliable and valuable pathway to a better life for the millions of adults without a high school diploma. GED Testing Service is a joint venture between the American Council on Education and Pearson.