

## Biography for Kelly Garcia

Kelly Garcia is the Founder and Executive Director of Summit Public School K2, a 7th-12th grade program serving a diverse community from within the West Contra Costa Unified School District. Under her leadership, the school opened its doors to its first class of students in August 2014 and fully implemented Summit's Next Generation Learning model. In addition to executing the academic program, Kelly has been successful in building a school community that embraces and inspires all relevant stakeholders. As the longest standing member of the Summit Public Schools Leadership team, she has also been instrumental in bringing restorative justice practices to the organization as well as mentoring new school leaders.

Prior to opening Summit K2, Kelly was the Executive Director of Everest Public High School, the second school in the Summit Public Schools network. Under her leadership, EPHS met all of its growth targets, developed a positive school culture, and graduated its first class of seniors. She developed the school leadership skills necessary to run a high performing charter school while serving in many different roles at the original Summit Public School, Summit Prep. While at Summit Prep, Kelly was the founding history teacher, Director of Admissions, Dean of Students, and Assistant Director.

Kelly received her B.A in History and a certificate in the Children and Society Curriculum from Stanford University. She also holds an Ed.M. in Teaching and Curriculum from Harvard University's Graduate School of Education.