TEACHING AS SOCIAL JUSTICE:
Using your Consciousness to do Meaningful Work and Engineer Change
AGENDA

· Introductions
· State of Affairs
· Teaching as Social Justice
· Why Relay?
· Next Steps
· Questions & Answers
YOUR STORY

- Name
- Classification
- Major
- Hometown
- The teacher that made the biggest impact on you
YOUR GENERATION

• The Largest Generation in Western History
• The Most Educated Generation in Western History
• Technologically Savvy
• Civic-Oriented
• Conscious
• Global Citizens

• Entrepreneurial
• Pragmatic Idealists
• Compassionate
• Progressive
• Confident
• Diverse
• Practical and Results-Oriented
• Team-Oriented
What activities do you lead in your community?

What is the impact?
“We are educators. As such we must recognize and accept our role as either confronting the social, political, and educational inequities within U.S. school settings, or continuing to reproduce the oppressions in our current society.

We stand for confronting these inequities...

Teaching for social justice is part of a larger struggle to transform society to make it more just.

We see children and youth as critical change agents essential to the struggle for social justice.”
TEACH US ALL

• Why is it important to change the narrative about students?

• Why is teaching an act of social justice?
CLINT SMITH
CELEBRATING RESILIENCE - REFraming the narrative around our students

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• Why is teaching an act of social justice?
Low-income students graduate from college at *alarmingly low rates* relative to their high-income peers.

54 in 100 students growing up in high-income families will graduate from college.*

But a mere 9 in 100 students growing up in low-income families will graduate from college.*
New York State Public School ELA 4th Grade Performance Rates

Percent Free & Reduced Lunch vs. Percent Proficient
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Percent Free & Reduced Lunch

Percent Proficient
ALL CHILDREN DESERVE GREAT TEACHERS
...WE NEED MORE!
A series of high or low-performing teachers can have a dramatic impact on student learning over time.

Having Just One Black Teacher Can Keep Black Kids In School

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WHAT IS RELAY?

A fully accredited, independent, nonprofit graduate school of education that focuses on training and supporting great teachers and leaders working in our nation’s high-needs public schools.
THREE MAIN PRINCIPLES

1. We believe in the power of the teacher.
2. Relay’s approach is a unique and effective way to make teachers and leaders better.
3. Relay is committed to making an impact in historically under-served communities.

*Jordan, Mendro, and Weerasinghe (1997)*
RELAY TEACHING RESIDENCY

• A gradual two-year pathway into the profession through an apprenticeship model with extra support

• “Deliberate Practice” offers expanded opportunities for practice and feedback

• Master of Arts in Teaching, Teaching Certification, full-time employee, gradual on-ramp of responsibilities
RELAY SUMMER EXPERIENCE

- Paid Summer Experience
- 6 weeks in New Orleans
- Lead your own classroom
- Design enrichment opportunities
- Coaching, feedback, and growth
NEXT STEPS

• Visit our website: www.relay.edu
• Application Deadlines:
  • Relay Teaching Residency: 2/5
  • Relay Summer Experience: 2/20
• Refer a friend
• Contact Rebecca Halprin, Manager of Recruitment, with additional questions: rhalprin@relay.edu.
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