

NICHOLAS EHLMANN

Blue Engine

2010 Global Fellow



BIG BOLD IDEA

Train teams of recent college graduates to serve as “high dose” tutors to enable low-income high school students to graduate with the skills they need to succeed in college and career.

PERSONAL BIO

Nick has served as CEO & founder of Blue Engine since 2009. Nick began his career in education as a Teach for America corps member in Washington D.C., joining forces with local philanthropists in 2002 to launch the nonprofit “I Have a Dream”—Project 312. The partnership secured over \$1M in commitments for a ten year, comprehensive youth development program for his fourth-grade students, many of whom are struggling to make it in the world of higher education. In 2003 he began graduate work at Princeton University as a William G. Bowen fellow and completed his Ph.D in sociology in 2010. His dissertation—Yellow Brick Road—explored the negative effects of academic underperformance on the transition from high school to college. Nick was selected as a finalist for the Washington D.C. First-Year Teacher of the Year award and the national Teach For America Sue Lehmann Award.

Organization/Fellow Location

Indianapolis, US

Impact Location

North America

United States

Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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