

# Ana Martinez

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Ana Martinez believes that educational equality is the key to success in today's global economy and so she has dedicated career to education in order to close the achievement gap in our Country. Ana is the Executive Director of New Leaders' Midwest Regional Program, and was the founding Principal of Rowe Elementary School, a public charter school in Chicago whose mission is to prepare students for colleges, careers, and citizenship. Ana was the primary architect of the school's design and growth for over a half decade.



Ana served Teach For America in California and Florida in various roles, including Placement Director, Director of Talent Recruitment, and Program Director before she was recruited by the Northwestern University Settlement Association and Bain & Company to lead Rowe Elementary. Her deep passion for education stems from early years in Los Angeles Unified School District where she went to school and eventually served as a second and third grade teacher.

Ana was born in El Salvador and raised in the United States. She received Bachelor of Science degrees in Political Science and Public Policy from UCLA. She also holds a master's degree in Elementary Education from Loyola Marymount University. Her work has been featured on CNN *En Español* and she's received awards from the Northwestern Settlement Board (2009 Chairman's Award), Teach For America (2011 Distinguished Alumni Award), and Kellogg School of Management for her coursework in Executive Leadership. Ana lives and works in Chicago and is a proud mother of two daughters.