



Hannah D. Powell, Executive Director, KIPP Columbus
Bio

Hannah D. Powell is the Executive Director of KIPP Columbus, one of the highest gaining urban schools in the country.

Prior to her current role, Hannah served as a Teach for America corps member where she taught sixth and seventh grade in one of Philadelphia's most chronically underperforming schools and led her students to achieve impressive academic gains. Hannah then joined the staff of an Ohio-based charter management organization, serving as the Director of Education Services and leading the first-ever reconstitution of an Ohio charter school. In late 2008, Hannah was named the School Leader of the first KIPP school in Ohio.

Under her leadership, KIPP Columbus saw impressive academic growth, a reduced and sustainable operating budget and the school expanded its impact to now serve over 1,500 students and alumni. Based on these successes, the KIPP Columbus Board of Directors committed to expand KIPP Columbus from a middle school serving 300 students to a full pre-K-12 campus that will educate nearly 2,000 children by the end of the decade. Hannah was asked to lead this effort, becoming KIPP Columbus' Executive Director in 2011. Currently, KIPP ranks in the top 5 charter schools in the state of Ohio and top 3 in Franklin County for growth on state assessments.

Hannah earned a bachelors degree in Communication from Wittenberg University and her M.Ed in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from Saint Joseph's University. She has been recognized by *Columbus Business First* as a "Forty Under 40" award recipient, named Wittenberg University's "Outstanding Young Alumni" in 2013, and featured in *The Women's Book* for her outstanding career achievements and community service impact.