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## Partners in Prevention: Engaging the Secondary School Community to Prevent Gender-Based Violence

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*SPEAKER BIOS*

### Suzanne Goldberg

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Operations and Outreach, Office for Civil Rights



Ms. Suzanne Goldberg has served in the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights since day one of the Biden-Harris administration as Acting Assistant Secretary (January – October 2021) and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Operations and Outreach. Goldberg brings extensive experience in civil rights leadership, with expertise in gender and sexuality law, and many years as a university administrator and faculty member. Before joining the U.S. Department of Education, Ms. Goldberg was the inaugural Executive Vice President for University Life at Columbia University and on the faculty of Columbia Law School, where she is on a public service leave from her role as the Herbert and Doris Wechsler Clinical Professor of Law at Columbia Law School. She founded the Law School's Sexuality and Gender Law Clinic, the first of its kind in the nation, and was co-founder and co-director of the Law School's Center for Gender and Sexuality Law. Ms. Goldberg earlier served as a senior staff attorney with Lambda Legal, a national legal organization committed to the full recognition of the civil rights of LGBT people and people living with HIV. Ms. Goldberg holds a law degree with honors from Harvard University and a bachelor's degree with honors from Brown University and was a Fulbright Fellow at the National University of Singapore.

## Dr. Bernadine Futrell

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Equity and Discretionary Grants and Support Services, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education



Dr. Bernadine Futrell, Ph.D., was most recently the director of the Office of Head Start (OHS) at HHS' Administration for Children and Families. Dr. Futrell began her career as an assistant Head Start teacher in Virginia. She came to OHS in the Biden-Harris Administration from the National Head Start Association (NHSA), where she was most recently the senior director for effective practice. Prior to NHSA, Dr. Futrell led superintendent certification programs at the American Association of School Administrators.

She is co-author of the book *ConnectED Leaders: Network and Amplify your Superintendency* and holds a bachelor's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University, and a M.Ed. and a Ph.D. in education policy from George Mason University. Dr. Futrell and her husband are the proud parents of two young children.

## Rosie Hidalgo

Senior Advisor on Gender-Based Violence and Special Assistant to the President, Gender Policy Council, The White House



Ms. Rosie Hidalgo currently serves as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor on Gender-Based Violence at the White House Gender Policy Council. She has worked in the movement to end gender-based violence for over 25 years as a public interest attorney and as a national policy advocate. Most recently, she was the Senior Director of Public Policy for Esperanza United, a national resource center with a focus on providing training, research, and policy advocacy to prevent and end domestic violence and sexual assault. Ms. Hidalgo previously served as the Deputy Director for Policy at the Office on Violence Against Women at the U.S. Department of Justice during the Obama-Biden Administration and served on a detail to the Office of the Vice President, working with the White House Advisor on Violence Against Women.

## Nicole Borghard

Leadership and History Teacher, West Potomac High School

Ms. Nicole Borghard is a Social Studies teacher at West Potomac High School in Alexandria, VA and has been an active leader of the West Potomac community since 2012. Currently, Ms. Borghard teaches Leadership Training, AVID (a college and career readiness class), and AP Psychology. Previously, Ms. Borghard has taught all levels of Government classes. Ms. Borghard serves as the West Potomac Student Government Association sponsor, as well as the One Love Club. Ms. Borghard received her BA in American Government and Master's in Teaching from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia.

## Dr. Sarah DeGue

Senior Scientist, Research and Evaluation Branch, Division of Violence Prevention, CDC



Dr. Sarah DeGue, PhD, is a Senior Scientist in CDC's Division of Violence Prevention. Dr. DeGue's research is focused on the development and rigorous evaluation of strategies for the primary prevention of sexual and dating violence perpetration. Since 2008, she has served as a federal subject matter expert on sexual violence prevention within CDC and in consultation with other federal agencies and departments, community-based organizations, and educational institutions. As lead for CDC's Dating Matters® teen dating violence prevention initiative, her work has focused on national dissemination of the first comprehensive, multi-level teen dating violence prevention model to ensure widespread adoption of this evidence-based strategy in communities across the US. Her other current research interests include law enforcement-related violence and targeted violence. Dr. DeGue earned her Ph.D. in Clinical (Forensic) Psychology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and BA in Psychology/Sociology from the University of Michigan.

## Dr. Sydney McKinney

Executive Director, National Black Women's Justice Institute



Dr. Sydney McKinney is deeply committed to advancing rigorous research, policy, and capacity building that lifts up the voices of system-impacted Black women and girls. Under her leadership, NBWJI's research and advocacy demonstrates the importance of centering the experiences of Black women, girls, and gender expansive people in efforts to end mass incarceration and how critical it is that our society advance new models of justice that are rooted in honoring the dignity of all people and promote individual and collective healing. Dr. McKinney has over 15 years of experience in the areas of child welfare and justice reform, leading and implementing research and evaluation in applied settings. She holds a Ph.D. in sociology and an M.A. in law and society from New York University, as well as an M.P.H from Columbia University.

## Danielle Tuft

Interpersonal and Sexual Violence Prevention Unit Manager, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment



Ms. Danielle Tuft is the Interpersonal and Sexual Violence Prevention Unit Manager at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. As a public health professional, she has worked on a variety of projects in partnership with both government and nonprofit sectors. In her current role, she oversees Colorado's Sexual Violence Prevention Community Grant Program and Comprehensive Human Sexuality Education Grant Program. Ms. Tuft works to support the implementation of primary prevention strategies throughout the state with a focus on utilizing a shared risk and protective factors approach and community-driven solutions.

## Stacy Vaughan

Vice President of Programs, Monique Burr Foundation



Ms. Stacy Vaughan is the Vice President of Programs at the Monique Burr Foundation for Children. Stacy is a social worker and educator with two masters degrees from East Carolina University (Social Work and Academic Psychology) and is currently enrolled in the Doctor of Social Work (DSW) program at the University of Alabama. She began her career in direct practice in the child welfare and advocacy field, but soon learned the importance of prevention where she has since focused her efforts for more than twenty years. She has developed adult- and child- focused curricula and resources, managed community and agency projects related to child protection, and helped many organizations and communities establish prevention initiatives. She has educated thousands of adults and children on various child protection issues and has also held Social Work and Psychology adjunct faculty positions at several universities in North Carolina and Florida.

## Jennifer Wagner

At-Risk Interventionist, Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School



After graduating from Mount Mercy, Ms. Wagner began working at Kennedy in 2004 as a special education language arts teacher. In 2012, she transitioned to her role as the interventionist working to support at-risk students through the Check and Connect student engagement program. Her leadership with Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) began in 2016, and the school celebrates five years of implementation. In 2018, their MVP team was recognized as the School Team/Organization of Character by Drake University's Robert D. and

Billie Ray Center. In 2019, Ms. Wagner was recognized as a Hometown Hero for Impacting Community Excellence by the Cedar Rapids Roughriders for her leadership of MVP.