
Krishna Bansal

Mr. Bansal is the President and CEO of his own company which works with educational institutions, government and fortune 500 corporations on innovate technology and business endeavors. Mr. Bansal serves on the board of Indian Prairie Education Foundation and was recently named Chairman for the Naperville Indian-American Outreach initiative under Mayor George Pradel.

(In Mr. Bansal's absence, PDAC Co-Chair, Saily Joshi, will serve as panel guest)

Stephen Garlington

Mr. Garlington serves as the Equity and Excellence Consultant for DuPage Regional Office of Education, in which he works collaboratively with the county's academic community to promote academic achievement initiatives. Previously, Mr. Garlington was the Interim Director for Psychology Services/Air National Guard and Regional Director for U.S. Department of Labor, Job Corps and Youth Services Division.

Rick Guzman

Mr. Guzman is the Assistant Chief of Staff for the second largest city in Illinois, working out of the Office of Aurora Mayor Tom Weisner. He serves as the city's primary liaison to Aurora's non-profit and faith-based organizations. Mr. Guzman has worked as a Policy Advisor to the Governor for Criminal Justice, and has been awarded the Thurgood Marshall Award for Human Rights.

(Mr. Guzman will be available for the first hour only on Nov. 18th, 7:00-8:00 pm)

Josie Tanksley

Mrs. Tanksley is an adjunct professor at Southern New Hampshire University, currently serves with the City of Aurora Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board, and is trainer at the Youth Leadership Academy. Her work consists of mentoring students from low-income backgrounds to college bound realities, as well as conducting service learning projects for the "Food for Greater Elgin" initiative.

(In Mr. Guzman's absence, Mrs. Tanksley will serve as panel guest)

Linda Yang

Ms. Yang is a Managing Principal at Terracon Consultant, Inc., a national civil engineering consulting firm focusing on Environmental, Geotechnical, Facility and Material Testing, wherein, she advises clients on environmental issues and leads teams for technical solutions. Ms. Yang's recent volunteering activities include XiLin Asian Community Center in Naperville, board member with the Directors for the Association of Chinese Scientists and Engineers-USA, and Kellogg School of Management Alumni Club of Chicago West.