

Tacoma Education Association Candidates for President 2020



Shannon Ergun
Mt. Tahoma

I believe in our Association. I believe we must move Forward Together.

As your next President, I will work with leaders and members to increase membership engagement so that our Association addresses the needs of ALL our members. I promise to continue building strategic relationships with members, administrators, and elected officials to move our issues and concerns forward. I vow to secure professional respect for all educators across our district no matter to which staffing category you belong. I assure you that we will work together to strengthen the contract for all our members.

Experience:

2011-20 Association Representative

2014-20 Bargaining Team

2012-20 WEA RA

2014-20 NEA RA

2014-20 WEA-PAC Manager

2014-20 Expanded Learning Opportunities Legislative Council

2016-2019 WEA-Tacoma Council Vice President

2016-20 TEA Treasurer

Whether in the school halls, the halls of Olympia, or at the bargaining table, I have dedicated the last decade of my activism to making the lives of our fellow Association members better. Together, we can improve our working conditions to ensure great learning conditions for our students. Together we can move forward to a better environment for educators, students, and families.

Much accomplished. Much to do. Vote Shannon Ergun for TEA President!



Jillian Gutierrez
Lyon Elementary

I'm Jillian Gutierrez, current TEA Vice President. I am asking for your Vote and your Support to become your next TEA President!

As President I want to work to strengthen the power of our union by enforcing the CBA and protecting member rights. We need to show unity at labor management meetings by coming to the table with the Vice President and members of the executive board; because together we are stronger! As President it will be my duty to build up rising and future leaders. Our organization cannot rely on a single person. I will also work to create more equity for our underrepresented members. Everyone deserves to feel safe and comfortable in their workplace.

As your TEA VP I have worked hard to visit buildings acting as a resource and advocate for our members. I have started an Educator of Color Network and chair the Equity Team. I have served our organization as a Building Rep, Minority at-large Rep, Secretary, and currently as your VP. With your help I will continue my work as your TEA President! Together we are stronger! Together we will fight! Together we will build a stronger union!



Darrick Hartman
Jefferson Elementary

My name is Darrick Hartman and I am running for TEA President. I am a native Tacoman, graduated from Mount Tahoma in 1981, and have been an educator in Tacoma for over 25 years.

What separates me from all the other candidates? In a word—experience. I have taught at both the elementary and middle school level. In the union I have held a number of positions from building rep up to and including the office of president. I am a forward, progressive thinker and believe that I can have a positive impact on educational outcomes that affect all of us.

During my last tenure as president we worked on and negotiated the opening of SAMI and Geiger Montessori. We also implemented contractual changes that allowed the school within a school model at Lincoln and how we operate summer school. We were also the recipients of the largest SIG administered by the state.

I believe strongly in unions and am proud of what our union accomplished during my term as president. Unlike many of my predecessors, I also went back to the classroom and worked in the system I helped create.

I would appreciate your vote for TEA President.