



## Students Rising Above Announces Executive Director Transition

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA - May 15, 2019** - [Students Rising Above](#) (SRA), a Bay Area nonprofit empowering first-generation college students to access higher education and career-ladder opportunities, announced today that Executive Director, Carolina Martín, has resigned effective May 17 to explore the next chapter in her career.

"It's been an honor to be a part of the SRA community, said Carolina Martín, outgoing Executive Director, Students Rising Above. "I am beyond thankful for the opportunity to have served so many students across the Bay Area through SRA's mission and the transformative power of education."

Mike Loughlin, Board Chairman will act as the Students Rising Above Interim Executive Director. He will oversee management by partnering with the SRA leadership team, providing counsel, guidance, and oversight to the program.

"The members of the Board of Directors have full confidence in the very accomplished SRA staff and will be guiding and supporting them through this transition. We want to thank Carolina for her leadership and dedication to Students Rising Above over the last two years," said Mike Loughlin, SRA Board Chair and former Chief Risk Officer, Wells Fargo. "Carolina elevated SRA's infrastructure, partnership model, and external branding in a way that fosters collaboration and growth. We wish her success in her next endeavor."

"SRA is made up of strong leaders at every level of the organization. Our strength is in having one of the most robust college completion and workforce development programs in the country built by each and every team member," said Barb Hendricks, Students Rising Above Co-founder and Senior Advisor. "We look forward to continuing our work in redefining the future of remarkable young adults."

Serving students from all nine counties of the San Francisco Bay Area, Students Rising Above has sent over 1,000 students to college through 2019. Currently, there are nearly 500 students at various points of matriculation in the SRA Rising Stars program. With an additional 15,000 registered users on SRA's online college and career advising platform, the SRA Hub.

### About Students Rising Above

[Students Rising Above](#) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that empowers underrepresented students with drive and potential to achieve their life goals by connecting them to the tools, resources, and supportive community they need to excel and thrive on their college-to-career journey.

As SRA's founding initiative, Rising Stars invests in first-generation college students from low-income communities who have demonstrated both a deep commitment to education and the strength of character to overcome tremendous odds during their youth. By offering highly personal, wraparound services, SRA serves students who need the most support and financial assistance to achieve their college dream.

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