

Melisa Hypolite for Executive Vice President
Personal Statement

Melisa M. Hypolite, MBA, has diverse experiences working with learners from ages 5- 65 from a variety of cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. Her education career began as a substitute teacher in South Jersey and evolved into Assistant Director of Admissions at a trade school, and later an adjunct college instructor, resulting in expertise in supporting college, career, and life readiness. Driven by a passion for equity in education, Melisa has been employed by the CollegeBound Foundation for almost 10 years, first as a College Access Program Specialist and now as an Associate Program Director.

Melisa put her expertise into the public domain as author and publisher of I'm Ready, a book she and others use to assist first-generation college families achieve their post-secondary goals.

Melisa is often a featured presenter at college access events and has provided guidance to high schools, universities, and training facilities throughout the contiguous United States, as well as the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI), Trinidad, and Barbados. Melisa has also facilitated a student-athlete support workshop in Trinidad for students considering continuing their studies in the United States. She currently serves as the Executive Vice President with the Potomac and Chesapeake Association for College Admission Counseling (PCACAC), was a 2018 PCACAC Counselor of the Year, and is a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC). In addition, Melisa also owns/operates a non-profit organization that focuses on college access.