

Alina Riveron Lopez has sixteen years of experience in the field of Education. Alina holds a B.A. from Florida International University in Psychology, M.S. from Nova Southeastern University in Elementary Education and an Educational Leadership Certificate from Florida International University. She began her teaching career as an Elementary teacher at Doral Academy Charter School in 1999. She taught for seven years in the public charter school system prior to her first administrative position at Mater Academy East Charter School as an Assistant Principal. While an administrator at Mater Academy East, Alina also received her first appointment as Principal of Theodore R. & Thelma A. Gibson Charter School in 2007. In the 2007-2008 school year, she assisted in opening Mater Academy East Charter High School and transitioned from an elementary administrator to a middle and high school administrator. Later in 2009, Alina had the opportunity to return to Doral Academy Charter Middle and High School, where she had started her teaching career, as an Assistant Principal.

During her tenure at Doral Academy, Alina played an integral role in the outstanding academic growth and success of Doral Academy. She was also a great supporter and contributor of the Arts program at Doral Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy. During her time at Doral, she took great interest in and oversaw the Performing Arts Program. Her continued support and dedication to the Arts enabled the Performing Arts Program to increase its enrollment from 90 students in 2010 to over 400 in 2014. During this time, the students in the Performing Arts Programs were recognized numerous times in State-wide and National competitions in many of their disciplines. The school was also recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2014.

In 2011, Alina was named Principal of Doral Academy of Technology (DAT). During her time as principal of DAT, she helped develop and implement an innovative and challenging curriculum which focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The program included advanced and pre-AP courses in the core and content areas and electives in computer engineering, computer programming, robotics, and video game design. The students competed and placed State and National math and science competitions like Future City and First Lego League. In the 2011-2012 school year, Doral Academy of Technology was ranked the top performing middle school in the State of Florida and has continued to be one of the top performing schools in the State.

Alina is currently working for Somerset Academy, Inc. as an Academic Consultant. She has been providing school administrators in Miami-Dade, Broward and Jacksonville with direct support in planning and implementing turnaround interventions, which provide the school with a positive climate that supports student success. The role of Academic Consultant is not new to Alina. In 2010, she had the opportunity to go back to Gibson Charter School, which had received an "F" grade from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE), as an Academic Consultant and assist the school in implementing strategies to increase academic achievement. When test scores were released in June of 2011, Gibson Charter had made substantial gains in all areas of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) and increased its grade by 134 points.

Alina serves on the Board for the Sports Leadership & Management Charter School as the Secretary and is the Vice-President of the SLAM Foundation, which helps direct the school's growing list of corporate partnerships and supports the expansion and replication of other SLAM schools throughout the Country. The Foundation also provides support and resources in the recruitment and training of educators and the implementation of the SLAM curriculum.

Professional and Community Involvement:

- Sports Leadership Arts and Management Charter School, Secretary of the Board, 2010-Present
- SLAM Foundation, Vice-President, 2015-Present

Highlights & Accomplishments:

- Teacher of the Year, 2000- 2001 Mater Academy Elementary
- Principal for Doral Academy of Technology, Florida A+ School Recognition Awarded for 3 consecutive years
- Assistant Principal for Doral Academy Preparatory Charter School, Florida A+ School Recognition Awarded for 5 consecutive years
- Assistant Principal for Doral Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy, National Blue Ribbon School 2014
- Assistant Principal at a SACS/CASI District Accredited School
- Assistant Principal at Doral Academy Charter High School and Doral Performing Arts and Entertainment, News Week Top 500 High Schools in the Nation 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014
- Assistant Principal at Doral Academy Charter High School and Doral Performing Arts and Entertainment, Washington Post Top 500 High Schools in the Nation 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014
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