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YWCA of the City of New York, CEO

Dr. Danielle Moss Lee was born and raised on Manhattan's Upper West Side and enthusiastically joins the YWCA of the City of New York after a stellar ten years as President and CEO of the Harlem Educational Activities Fund.

Danielle joined HEAF in 2002 after many years of experience in education and youth and community development in the nonprofit sector. She previously served as Assistant Principal of the Grace Lutheran School, Assistant Executive Director of the Morningside Area Alliance, Director for Community and Parent Partnerships at The After-School Corporation, and most recently as Director of the CTY Goldman Sachs Scholars Program of the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth.

She has significant experience in curriculum development and program design and a commitment to expanding educational enrichment opportunities for underserved students. As President of HEAF, Dr. Moss Lee expanded HEAF's higher education and community partners to include Bronx Community College, Hunter College, Barnard College, Columbia University, New York University, Youth About Business, Summer Institute for the Gifted, Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth, the YMCA of Greater New York, The Search Institute and NYU Polytechnic to name a few. Under her leadership, HEAF has increased its enrollment, retention, and participation, expanded its outreach in the community, and increased an already impressive record of college attendance among its graduates. During her tenure, she led her staff in expanding the curriculum to include non-traditional elective courses, broadened students' service in the local and international communities, and increased student participation in pre-college summer programs resulting in student travel opportunities to Africa, South America, Europe, and Asia.

Dr. Moss Lee served on the board of the Grace Lutheran School, was co-founder and lead applicant for Sisulu-Walker Children's Academy – Harlem Charter School (the first authorized charter school in the state of New York), and has previously served on the boards of the Dodge YMCA, Teachers College Center for Educational Outreach and Innovation Advisory Board, and the National Advisory Board of The Next Generation Venture Fund, a partnership between Johns Hopkins and Duke Universities. More recently, she served a term on the New York City Department of Education's Community Education Council for District 3 and the Partnership for After-School Education's College Prep Advisory Council and she is a current member of the Swarthmore College Alumni Council and serves as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of Black Agency Executives. Additionally, she is an adjunct professor of Urban Youth Policy at the CCNY Rangel Center for Public Policy. She received her B.A. in English Literature and History with a concentration in Black Studies from Swarthmore College and holds M.A. and Ed.M. degrees from Teachers College Columbia University, where she completed her doctorate in Organization and Leadership. Dr. Moss Lee is a graduate of the Institute for Not-for-Profit Management's Executive Level Program at Columbia Business School and completed the Harvard Business School SPNM program for non-profit executives.

In recent years, the New York State Education Department, Harvard Business School Club of New York, Bank of America's Neighborhood Excellence Initiative, New York Coalition of 100 Black Women, The College Board, and New York City Comptroller John C. Liu have recognized Dr. Moss Lee and HEAF for leadership in the field of college access and innovation in the social sector. She is frequently called upon to facilitate discussions and present on leading-edge education and nonprofit practice by groups that

have included the National Middle Schools Association, Black Agency Executives, Education Pioneers, Johns Hopkins University CTY, Hope Street Group, Time Warner, The Teagle Foundation, The Brooklyn Public Library, Partnership for After School Education, Bloomberg Radio, Power 105.1's Real Talk, WPIX Channel 11 morning news, CNN en Español, WNBC's Positively Black, WLIB's Dialogue with Dinkins, WABC News, WABC's Here and Now, New York University, Open Society Institute, Project Pericles, Sesame Workshop and Black Women for Black Girls. She has published articles for Education Update, Parent Guide, The Daily Beast, and The Huffington Post and is a regular contributor to The George Lucas Foundation's Edutopia blog.