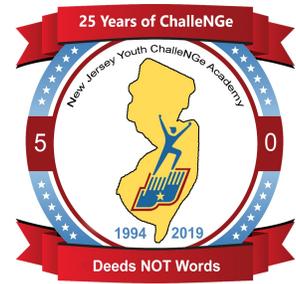




BIOGRAPHY

NELSON RIBON



DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS



Mr. Ribon joined The New Jersey Youth Challenge Academy in January 2019 to serve as the principal and leader of the educational programs offered to our residents. At the conclusion of Class 49 in April, he was promoted to serve as Deputy Director of Programs where he oversaw all academic offerings, counseling, medical services, service-to-community, staff training & professional development, religious services, assessments, mental health, and academic and community partnerships. In addition, he actively supported the Academy's strategic planning, recruiting, marketing and post-residential planning efforts. On August 1st, Mr. Ribon was appointed by the Adjutant General to serve as the new Director.

Professionally, Mr. Ribon has been working in the field of education since 1997 and brings to us diverse educational experiences having worked in suburban and urban school communities as a high school teacher, principal, assistant Superintendent and Superintendent of Schools.

Some of his noteworthy accomplishments include:

- Appointed to the Monmouth County Mental Health Board by the Chosen Freeholders
- Serving as a NJ-State approved Principal/Director mentor for the NJ Leaders to Leaders program
- Received honorary membership to Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education (Rutgers University Chapter)
- Appointed to the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials Executive Committee
- Led summer leadership institute for school and district leaders on data-driven instruction & school improvement
- As a Superintendent, actively participated in designing a \$302,000,000 budget that retained all staff & programs

- Teamed with school leaders to expand technology integration to support student learning and teacher instruction
- Led community-focused Strategic Planning Initiative “Vision 2020”
- Facilitated long-range pre-referendum facilities endeavor to upgrade, renovate and expand school buildings
- Served on Monmouth University’s School of Education Advisory Committee
- Created partnerships with Microsoft & Google to provide instructional resources and programs for staff and students
- While Superintendent, district was recognized by NJ Department of Education as an “innovative” district – innovateNJ Cohort 2.
- Served as a leadership consultant to numerous educational and business organizations throughout NJ
- Served as president of his local Rotary Club

Personally, Mr. Ribon is married with three children, ages 4, 12 and 14 and resides in Monmouth County NJ. His hobbies include basketball officiating and training, traveling, photography, volunteering, scuba diving and exploring technology.

His 14+ years of school leadership experience includes professional affiliation in numerous organizations such as:

- American Educational Research Association
- American Association of School Administrators
- Association of Latino Administrators & Superintendents
- Association for Supervisors & Curriculum Development
- Rotary Club (Freehold NJ) – Past President
- Garden State Coalition of Schools
- International Study for Technology in Education
- New Jersey Association for School Administrators
- NJ Association for Educational Technology
- NJ Leaders to Leaders Peer Support Group
- Red Bank Elks Lodge #233 Member
- Rumson-Fair Haven Municipal Alliance (Alcohol & Substance Abuse) – Founding Member
- Seton Hall University School Study Council
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)