Emerging Leaders Nomination

We would like to nominate Nick Terrones, an early childhood educator at the Hilltop Children’s Center in Seattle, Washington.

We first met Nick during a virtual web event designed to share ideas and prepare new speakers prior to their participation as a panelist at the World Forum in Puerto Rico held in May 2014.

We were immediately struck by Nick’s passion for children and families and his intuitive understanding of his unique role as a male in early childhood as well as his drive to fully explore what that role means in an effort to provide children with the highest quality experiences possible.

It was also clear that Nick was beginning to understand that there is an international context to the discussion of what it means to be a male in early childhood and that he could play a transformational role in shaping that conversation and bringing the ideas and strategies of his generation into the mix.

Nick proved to be a dynamic presenter and moved the audience through his eloquence, passion and authenticity. Nick spoke of the history of the men in early childhood movement and acknowledged the past and with simplicity and sincerity gave honor to those who have been shouldering the burden of keeping the MECE agenda alive even as he reached backwards to grab the baton to be the leader in moving it into the future.

Since that day Nick has proven to be an emerging leader of action and vision and has created YouTube videos, conducted workshops at the local, national and international levels and has been a consistent voice across multiple social media outlets.

The MECE Working Group wholeheartedly nominates Nick and delights in watching him change the landscape of the mission of better understanding what it means to everyone to have a gender balanced early childhood work force.

Sincerely, the leadership team of the Men In Early Childhood World Forum:

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