

Erica Mosca

Erica Mosca is a proud first-generation college graduate, daughter of an immigrant, and social justice advocate. Part of the college access non-profit **10,000 Degrees** in high school and serving as a fifth grade teacher with **Teach For America, Las Vegas**, Mosca experienced educational inequity in both her personal and professional life. “I am dedicated to empowering change from the community, for the community to ensure students can play the game to change the game to upend structural inequity and systemic racism. The opportunity to attain a college education is the foundation, though not prerequisite, for underrepresented students to become the diverse leaders of their own communities.”

Mosca currently serves on the Board of Directors of college access private school **Cristo Rey St. Viator** as the Academic Committee Chair, as an Authority member of the **NV State Public Charter School Authority**, the Board Chair of college persistence program & housing complex **Q3 Student Partners'** Community Advisory Board, serves on the Clark County **Community Development Advisory Committee** & is part of US Congressman Steven Horsford's Equity Cabinet. Previously, Mosca served on college access charter school **Equipo Academy's** Committee to Form, as the Chair of the United Way of Southern Nevada's **Women's United** Engagement Committee & as an Executive Board member of the Asian American Pacific Islander Democratic Caucus serving as the Corresponding Secretary. She has worked for Teach For America, TNTP & as a Special Projects Manager for previous Clark County School District Superintendent Dwight Jones.

Erica was awarded the 2021 **Women Inspiring Nevada** recognition, 2020 Community Hero Award from the **Public Education Foundation** for LIT's work during COVID-19 and the 2019 Boston University **Young Alumni Award**. Erica is a proud 2021 Leadership Las Vegas Phoenix class member, 2017 Emerge NV member, 2011 Education Pioneers Boston cohort member, 2008 Teach For America Las Vegas corps member and holds a B.S. from Boston University, an M.Ed. from UNLV & and Ed.M. from Harvard's Graduate School of Education. She is an avid J-Cole, rompers, Las Vegas and connecting people fan and was married over zoom during quarantine in April 2020 to her husband Nicholas Jared Smith who is serving in his 16th year in the United States Air Force currently stationed at Nellis Air Force Base. Erica is 35 and continues to own her home 16-houses down from her Teach For America placement school where her mother and father reside and daily run into LIT students and families. Erica and Nick live together with their dog Panda.