



## **Eric Waldo**

As Executive Director of Michelle Obama's Reach Higher initiative at The Common Application, Waldo works to inspire every student in the U.S. to take charge of their future by completing a post-secondary education, whether at a professional training program, a community college, or a 2-year or 4-year college or university. Before joining the White House, Waldo was Deputy Chief of Staff at the Department of Education. Waldo also helped manage the Department of Defense (DOD) global K-12 school system as the Co-Chair for the Advisory Council for Dependents' Education, which advises and oversees the DOD schools. He currently also serves as an MCEC Board member. Waldo earned a J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School, an M.Ed. from Harvard University, and an A.B. from Brown University. He currently resides in Washington, D.C.