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Since the launch of The Worthy Educator, we have been working with mid-to-late career educators to help them map out the next chapter of their careers and achieve a legacy which they can be proud to pass on that last day when they close their office (or classroom) door that one final time upon retirement.

This summer we launch the next chapter in The Worthy Educator story: our Legends program! This is a cohort of recently and fully (or beyond) retired educators who seek to stay engaged in education, continue to make a difference in the field, and even give back to the profession we all love.

As a Worthy Educator Legend, you will be invited to participate in group and individual sessions to discuss and support one another in the transition from working *for* other organizations to devoting our days and our lives to ourselves, our interests, and our continued passions. Retirement does not mean riding off into the sunset nor is it only a financial decision in life! There is so much more living to do!

The program launches this summer beginning in June 2025. All educators concluding work for schools, districts, education agencies and other education-related nonprofit organizations (within the past 2-3 years) are welcome to participate. The fee is \$75 a month, which includes one scheduled group meeting and up to two individual sessions you schedule each month at your convenience. We are available to you whenever you need support in moving forward in this exciting new chapter of life, and there are no additional charges beyond the monthly fee.

What do we do when we meet? We explore what it's like to end a long-term career in education and move into the next phase of life, we investigate how retired educators can influence education even after being out of the classroom, and most importantly, we strategize how you can best put your specific talents to use in a post-retirement fashion.

Walter McKenzie is a career educator who is approaching his one-year anniversary of retirement, and a co-founder of The Worthy Educator. He has served as a teacher, district administrator and director of nonprofit professional education associations. He is excited to work with you and chart your way forward in retirement!



Dr. Gretchen Oltman is a veteran educator who currently serves as an Associate Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies and Program Director of the Master of Science in Organizational Leadership at a major midwestern university. In addition, Gretchen is also a licensed attorney with a critical eye for what's best and most important for educators at all stages of their careers!

Learn more and register to join our inaugural cohort this summer [here](#)!