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## **TEACH FOR AMERICA HAWAI'I WELCOMES SHELLEY CRAMER OF SAKS FIFTH AVENUE TO REGIONAL BOARD**

*Shelley Cramer Brings Proven Leadership Experience in Business.*

**HONOLULU, HI, January 15, 2019**—Teach For America Hawai'i announced today that it has welcomed Shelley Cramer to its regional advisory board. She will guide the nonprofit organization as it works to build a diverse corps of lifelong leaders in the movement to end educational inequity. New corps members begin their commitment to expand educational opportunities for students from low-income backgrounds by teaching in hard-to-staff public school placements for at least two years.

"We're thrilled to have Shelley Cramer officially join our board," said Jill Baldemor, executive director of Teach For America Hawai'i. "She's already proven to be an invaluable contributor to our board's events committee, and we are excited for her to bring her contagious energy, creativity, and passion for education to our team."

Shelley Cramer is vice president and general manager of Saks Fifth Avenue in Waikiki's International Market Place. Shelley has been with Saks Fifth Avenue since 2012, continuing a successful career in high-end retail with brands like Louis Vuitton, Max Mara, and Montblanc. As an active educational advocate, she serves as the development chair on the Sacred Hearts Academy board of directors, where she recently helped found the Girls Got Grit mentorship program. She is also a board member for the Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra, Hawaiian Humane Society, and Kapi'olani Health Foundation.

Born and raised in Honolulu, Shelley attended Sacred Hearts Academy and graduated from Maryknoll School. She has a bachelor's of business administration and management as well as an M.B.A. from Gonzaga University.

"I'm always looking for ways to give back to Hawai'i," said Shelley, "Teach For America Hawai'i has impressed me with their sincere commitment to our schools and communities. I'm honored to work with them to support our public schools."

### **Teach For America – Hawai'i Regional Advisory Board**

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**About Teach For America – Hawai’i**

Since 2006 on O’ahu and 2009 on Hawai’i Island, Teach For America Hawai’i has recruited and developed over 800 educational leaders. Beginning as teachers serving public school students affected by poverty, the alumni of our program continue to work across career sectors – including education, law, business, medicine, and government – to improve opportunities for young people and advocate for educational equity. As a native and rural region of Teach For America, we work with local and national partners to provide all students with access to an education that empowers them to be authentic leaders of our local and global communities. For more information about our region, visit [www.teachforamerica.org/hawaii](http://www.teachforamerica.org/hawaii) and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

Teach For America works in partnership with urban and rural communities in more than 50 regions across the country to expand educational opportunity for children. Founded in 1990, Teach For America recruits and develops a diverse corps of outstanding leaders to make an initial two-year commitment to teach in high-need schools and become lifelong leaders in the effort to end educational inequity. Today Teach For America is a force of nearly 60,000 alumni and corps members committed to profound systemic change. From classrooms to districts to state houses across America, they’re reimagining education to realize the day when every child has an equal opportunity to learn, to grow, to influence and to lead. Teach For America is a proud member of the AmeriCorps national service network. For more information, visit [www.teachforamerica.org](http://www.teachforamerica.org) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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