



Krysta DeBoer

Executive Director



Krysta DeBoer, Executive Director of the Center for Urban Teaching, is a graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran College, an alumna of the Center for Urban Teaching, and holds her M.S. in Educational Leadership: Professional Learning from Cardinal Stritch University. Her graduate studies included an emphasis in instructional mentoring as part of the Southeastern Wisconsin New Teachers Project Consortium.

Prior to her work with CfUT, Krysta served as the seventh and eighth grade reading, grammar, and writing teacher and as the lead instructional mentor to new staff at HOPE Christian School: Prima in Milwaukee, WI. In 2009, Krysta was named the “Academic All-Star” of the HOPE Schools in recognition of her dedication and efforts as an educator and instructional mentor. As the eighth grade homeroom teacher, Krysta also worked to transform the school culture by encouraging leadership in the upper grades. Her efforts to transform the culture of HOPE: Prima can be observed in chapter nine of Samuel Casey Carter's book *On Purpose: How Great School Cultures Form Strong Character*.

In 2010, Krysta was hired by the Center for Urban Teaching as the principal of a four-week summer school program. In that position, she demonstrated her leadership and organizational expertise by inspiring a shared vision and equipping her staff to build a strong culture and curriculum. Surrounded by undergraduate teachers, she built a culture of excellence that brought a stream of visitors to the building. Her faculty dubbed her the “Queen of Procedures,” as she held them accountable for the details that became the foundation for a culture of high expectations. In January 2011, Krysta began her work as the Director of Mentoring for CfUT, and in July 2012, she transitioned into the role of Executive Director. In her position, Krysta assists in the development of the undergraduate program, has an active leadership role in the mentoring of beginning teachers and leaders, and provides leadership and support to the overall mission and vision of the Center.