



**DREXEL FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE, INC.
THEA BOWMAN LEADERSIP ACADEMY**

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**NOTICE of VACANCY
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
DREXEL FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE, INC.**

Pursuant to Section 4.8 of its Bylaws, the Board of Directors of Drexel Foundation for Educational Excellence, Inc. hereby provides notice of, and seeks to fill, three (3) current Board vacancies. The Board of Directors of Drexel Foundation for Educational Excellence, Inc. is responsible for serving as the governing body of Thea Bowman Leadership Academy, located in the City of Gary, Indiana.

In order to be considered for appointment, all prospective candidates are required to submit a letter of interest and a resumé. Documents may be submitted via email to board@theabowman.org, or via standard mail to the office of Harris Law Firm, P.C., 11410 Broadway, Crown Point, IN 46307.

This Notice shall be posted physically at the TBLA facility and virtually on the TBLA website for a period of thirty (30) days, beginning on February 13, 2025. This Notice will further be published in *The Times of Northwest Indiana* at least once during the thirty (30)-day period. Upon completion of the thirty (30)-day notice period, the Board of Directors, or a designated committee, will meet in executive session to narrow the list of prospective candidates to three (3) recommended candidates, who must be reviewed and confirmed at a public meeting prior to appointment.

In order to be eligible to serve as a Director, an individual must either be a resident of the state of Indiana or be employed by a company or corporation that is incorporated in or physically located within the State of Indiana. Additionally, at least half of the Directors serving on the Board at any given time must be residents of the State of Indiana, and at least half of the Directors serving on the Board at any given time must be residents of a county from which TBLA has currently-enrolled students. All new Directors must undergo training.

An individual is ineligible to serve as a Director if that individual has committed an offense set forth in Ind. Code § 20-26-5-11(b) or any successor statute, or any offense substantively equivalent to any offense listed in Ind. Code § 20-26-5-11(b).