

CAPITAL EXPERIENCE LAB

*Immersing students in
D.C.'s rich public resources*



Ward: TBD



New start
Projected start date:
Fall 2019



Charter



Grades served:
5-12

What if students had the option of experiencing their learning not in a classroom, but in the diverse array of public institutions like the Smithsonian, the U.S. Capitol, and the National Academy of Sciences? The Capital Experience Lab will **bridge the divide between in-school education and D.C.'s ample public resources, providing students with unprecedented access to real-world learning opportunities.** With its **STEAM-oriented curriculum**, the Capital Experience Lab aims to create **a learning environment that exists not in a single prescribed location, but across localities and spaces**, where students are immersed in the language and knowledge that exists beyond the walls of a traditional classroom.

TEAM LEADER: NIK APOSTOLIDES

A native Washingtonian, Nik Apostolides is the founder of the Capital Experience Lab. He currently serves as Deputy CEO of the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center and is also an adjunct professor in the Master's in Museum Studies graduate programs at both Johns Hopkins University and George Washington University. He is vice president of the board of the DC Arts and Humanities Education Collaborative.

Previously, Nik was the associate director of the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery and associate manager for planning at the

National Gallery of Art. Nik also served on the Curatorial Advisory Committee of CityCenterDC and was selected to participate in the Getty Museum Leadership Institute.

Nick earned a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from Case Western Reserve University and a B.A. in art history and classical civilizations from Wesleyan University in Connecticut.