



Michael Goldstein
Executive Director, Verto Fund

Michael is an entrepreneur with a passion for education equity and international education. He joined Verto Education in October 2020 as a part-time consultant to launch the Verto Fund, and he joined the organization full-time in the summer of 2021.

Previous to Verto, Michael worked 11 years at Year Up, the nation's leading non-profit youth workforce development organization, which provides career and higher education opportunities to help young adults to gain the skills they need for success. Most recently, he served as the Chief of Staff for the National Scalable Solutions Team, which brings together employers and talent providers to build sustainable pipelines for hard-to-fill jobs with meaningful career pathways for low-income youth. From 2010-2016, Michael led the team that exceeded Year Up Boston's fundraising goals for six straight years, including a successful 4-year, \$20M campaign. From 2016-2020, Michael oversaw a portfolio of projects to expand Year Up's local impact in Massachusetts, including new curriculum streams in sales and software testing, transformations in student recruitment, and new partnerships with community colleges, non-profits, and companies.

Michael began his career as Co-Founder and Co-Director of Providence Summerbridge, where high school and college students ran a summer school for urban middle school students. In addition, Michael founded and grew Youth Tech Entrepreneurs, a program where high school students run their schools' websites and help desks, to an organization serving 35 school districts. Michael also co-founded LiNCBoston, an association for local emerging nonprofit leaders, and the Summerbridge/Breakthrough Alumni Network. In addition, Michael served as Executive Director of City Year Rhode Island and Development Director of MetroWest Jewish Day School. In Prague, he ran a branch office of an advertising agency and managed the launch of a holding company.

Michael has a BA from Brown University and an MPP from the Kennedy School at Harvard University, where he received the John E. Thayer Award for highest academic achievement. Michael was recognized in 2002 by the Boston Business Journal and in 2007 by the Providence Business News in their respective "40 Under 40" awards for promising young business leaders.

Born and raised in Lower Manhattan and a product of New York public schools, Michael lived over four years in the Czech Republic, Spain, and Israel, and he has done intensive study of Czech, Spanish, Hebrew, and Arabic. Michael is also a long-time salsa dancer and dance teacher. Don't get him started on the links between Jewish and salsa culture.