

Steve Rice Bio

Educator. Connector. Speaker. Steve Rice is passionate about entrepreneurship, equity and economic development.

He currently serves as the Entrepreneurship Instructor at the [Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts](#) (ASMSA), where he teaches Advanced Research and Entrepreneurship. In this role, Steve has also worked with ASMSA's *Coding Arkansas' Future*, an education initiative to increase capacity in computer science education across the State of Arkansas. There, he has developed a unique framework to integrate core entrepreneurship skills like critical thinking, problem-solving and team-building skills with the fundamental elements of computer coding like computational thinking, systems design and development.

Previously, he served as the Director of Communications and Marketing at The Venture Center, a high-growth startup incubator in Little Rock, Arkansas (USA).

Along with his professional roles, Steve is a seasoned public service leader. In 2016, he founded the *Start Here Initiative*, a community-led initiative that seeks to close the gap in access to capital for underrepresented entrepreneurs.

Steve is a frequently sought after speaker on the topics of entrepreneurship, technology and equity.

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