



Every day, our children make thousands of decisions on their own.

We can either hope they make good decisions, or we can **teach them how.**

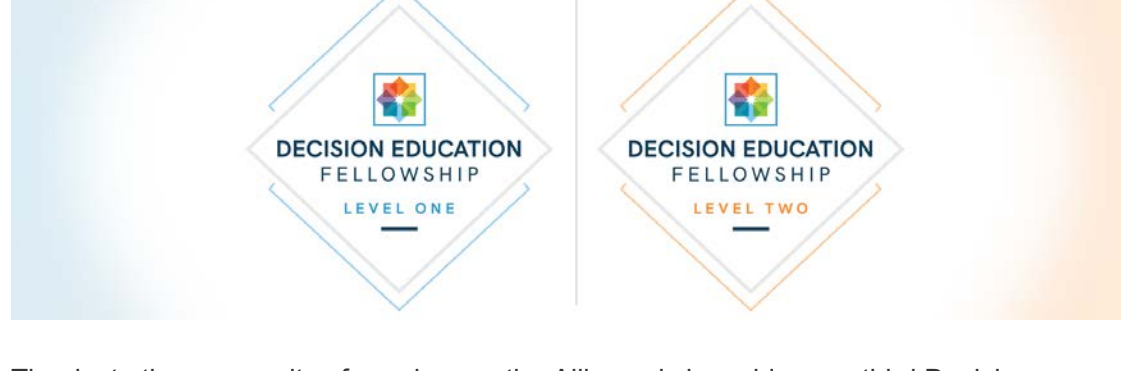


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## Alliance Spring Update

Sharing news and progress as we work toward our mission of making Decision Education part of every student's learning experience.

### Decision Education Fellowship Grows: Share With Teachers You Know!



Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the Alliance is launching our third Decision Education Fellowship Program, open to middle and high school teachers across the United States.

Through the year-long program, teachers will build their own decision-making skills, collaborate to create compelling lesson plans, and work with the Alliance to measure results in the classroom. This year, we offer two Fellowship Levels, one for new teachers and a second, advanced level for previous Fellows looking to increase their understanding, engagement, and teaching skills. Each Fellow will receive a \$5,000 stipend for their participation and contribution to our learning. Applicants will be accepted through June 10. Please encourage teachers you know to [apply!](#)

Last year's Fellows shared inspiring feedback from their students:

*"I learned that even small decisions, that I may not take seriously or focus on, can impact my entire life."*

*"I learned how to make better decisions and work better with others."*

*"I see now how following a process helps you make better decisions, especially when the decisions seem really big and hard."*

*"I learned why it helps to ask more questions and listen to other perspectives."*

**Together, we can have this impact on every student, in every class, in every school across the country.**



### SEASON 3 GUESTS



### A New Lineup of Podcasts: Listen, Learn, and Share

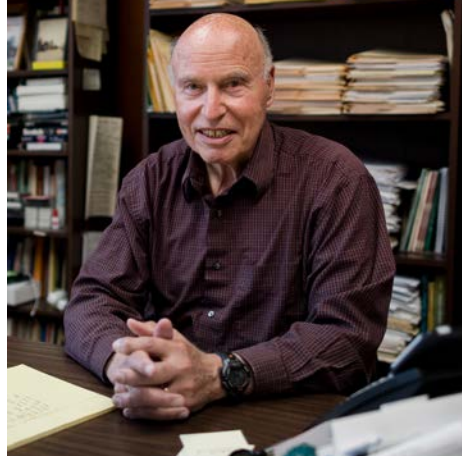
Naval intelligence, the power of a cookie, and working out with Harry Potter. The new season of The Decision Education Podcast covers all this, and a whole lot more. Interwoven with wit and wisdom, the season includes seven new episodes and features an array of experts from several areas of life, work, and decision sciences. You'll meet:

- **Melody Hobson**, Chair of the Board of Starbucks and Co-CEO at Ariel Investments
- **Charles Duhigg**, Pulitzer-prize winning reporter and bestselling author on changing habits
- **Cassie Kozyrkov**, Google's Chief Decision Scientist
- **Dr. Jennifer Lerner**, former U.S. Navy Chief Decision Scientist and current Harvard University Professor
- **Dr. Katy Milkman**, Professor at The Wharton School, bestselling author, and host of the Choiceology podcast, and an Alliance Advisory Council member
- **Morgan Housel**, best-selling author and financial writer
- **Ryan Holiday**, writer, media strategist, and host of The Daily Stoic podcast

As the podcast elevates the value and need for decision-making skills and advances our mission, **we would appreciate your support by sharing episodes** with your friends, family, and social networks!

Tune in and learn more at <https://alliancefordecisioneducation.org/podcast>

### Prestigious Award: Alliance's Paul Slovic Honored



We join so many in celebrating one of the world's leading researchers on risk and decision-making, Paul Slovic, who this month was named a [Franklin Institute Awards Laureate](#). Paul, who is an Alliance Advisory Board Member, received Franklin's prestigious [Bower Award and Prize for Achievement in Science](#) for his foundational contributions to the study of decision-making.

"Paul Slovic has provided invaluable insights into some of the most important parts of being human—how humans evaluate risk and make decisions when it counts. His research shapes

policy in fields ranging from health and medicine to government and industry," award presenters wrote. "Each of us, whether an ordinary person or a president, must consider risks and make decisions, both as an individual and as a member of our communities and the world at large. The work of Paul Slovic has provided innovative, original, and crucial insight into the ways humans carry out this vital part of living—and how we might be able to do it more effectively and more humanely."

Paul founded the Decision Science Research Institute, is the former head of The Society for Risk Analysis, and serves as psychology professor at the University of Oregon.

The Alliance is grateful for his support, direction, and thoughtful leadership as an active member of our Advisory Council.

### International Spotlight: Alliance Presents At Global Conference

Alliance Deputy Director of Research **Jinsol Lee, Ph.D.**, has been invited to join industry leading experts speaking at the acclaimed Institut Jean Nicod, host of the annual Applied Cognitive Science Speaker Series. Jinsol, who has expertise in student cognitive and socioemotional development, will share the Alliance mission to improve lives through Decision Education and our Research Framework aimed at building evidence on the impact of Decision Education.



The impressive lineup of speakers also includes Olivier Sibony, an expert on the quality of strategic thinking and the design of decision processes, and co-author of the book *Noise* with Nobel Laureate Daniel Kahneman.

### Dream Big: Space Traveler Also Backs Decision Education



Larry Connor, founder and managing partner of The Connor Group and now celebrated astronaut, says he has always "encouraged others to dream big, aim high, and set impossible goals." We agree, because that is when big things happen.

Larry recently piloted the historic Axiom-1 mission to the International Space Station, where he and three other crew

members conducted pioneering research in partnership with the Mayo Clinic and Cleveland Clinic.

We celebrate both his safe return and his organization's support of the Alliance.

The Alliance received a multi-year seed investment from The Connor Group's [Kids & Community Partners](#)—the nonprofit arm of the real estate development firm that provides financial backing to social and educational impact nonprofits. With their support, we are able to double the size of the Decision Education Fellowship, develop a variety of professional learning experiences for educators, and help build organizational capacity through staff expansion.

"Our organization always has believed in the importance of decision-making; it's something we stress, discuss and teach," Larry said. "So we are very well-aligned with the Alliance's mission and methodologies. When you take a step back and think of the big-picture possibilities of making children better decision-makers—especially children from under-resourced backgrounds—we think it has the potential to be game-changing."

We are grateful to the Connor Group's Kids & Community Partners for enabling us to dream as big as its founder.

### What Would You Decide? Sharing a New Alliance Video on the Decision-Making Process

Learning how to structure a decision is a critical skill in improving decision making, and is one of the four domains of Decision Education\*. That's why we're proud to share [our new video about the decision-making process](#). Follow along as our main character decides what she'll do over a friend-filled weekend. Learn how you can apply the decision-making process to tackle any decision in your own life—no matter how important!



**Enjoy, and please share the video with others!**

\*Decision Education includes four key skill-development domains:

- Structuring Decisions
- Thinking Probabilistically
- Recognizing and Resisting Cognitive Biases
- Valuing and Applying Rationality

The Alliance for Decision Education is a non-profit organization leading the growing call to have Decision Education taught in schools across the country by 2030.

We are grounded in the understanding that better decisions lead to better lives and a better society.

Our mission is to improve lives by empowering students with essential decision skills.



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