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Scott Shirey completed the KIPP School Leadership Program, which included intensive study at the University of California Berkeley's Haas School of Business. Shirey graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in History from Colby College.

He is the founder and executive director of KIPP Delta Public Schools and founded KIPP Delta College Preparatory School in 2002.

Shirey taught for three years in Baton Rouge, LA, where he was a Teach For America corps member.

Shirey is a 2005 Milken Educator.

In November 2011, *Forbes Magazine* listed him as one of the world's seven most powerful educators.

Shirey first became interested in teaching while attending Colby College, a liberal arts school. While there, he realized that he had been privileged and had grown up in a good neighborhood. His education at Colby awakened him to the fact that there was a second reality out there and that he had made no more rational or irrational choices than children living in poverty. It angered him and empowered him at the same time, inspiring him to join Teach For America and serve in the most needed communities.

"We serve students in one of the highest poverty communities in Arkansas and cover over 1,000 miles in transportation to ensure students in the most remote rural areas have access to high quality education. The decisions and choices we make as a school system are less defined by our financial systems, convenience for adults, state rules and procedures. Our focus is on what is morally right for our children in the Delta. I refuse to believe that zip code should define a child's destiny."

Shirey is available to speak, conduct workshops, and/or serve on committees around the following topics:

- Charter schools
- Creating high performance in schools in high poverty communities
- Leadership
- Student engagement