

Meet the Facilitators

The Learners Group

The Learner's Group (TLG) has established itself as a consulting organization that helps leaders understand the relationship of diversity and inclusion to engagement. TLG understands that transformation is best when powered by the individual's desire to demonstrate discretionary effort. We remind and reinforce the fact that: **Engagement is everybody's business.**



Rodney Patterson is one of the nation's most effective and engaging diversity and inclusion facilitators. He served as the chief curriculum designer and lead facilitator for the Learner's Group's successful NCAA advanced diversity education programs.

Recently, Mr. Patterson republished his book, "[Trumping the Race Card: A National Agenda - Moving Beyond Race and Racism.](#)"

Dr. Bilodeau brings over 30 years of experience in higher education leadership to the Learner's Group, emphasizing collaboration, inclusion, and engagement in all that he does. Dr. Bilodeau's campus diversity efforts are marked by collaboration with academic affairs on student success and retention initiatives, particularly those concerned underserved students.





Dr. Summerour is a facilitator, presenter and empowerment coach. Her efforts help leaders establish a consensus across multiple organizational levels; for the purposes of improving employee relationships and fostering an environment that encourages discretionary effort, through effective and sustainable employee engagement strategies.

Anthony Chavez brings over 40 years of experience, steeped in Mexican American and Navajo family history and culture. Anthony credits his evolution as an anti-racism advocate and facilitator to his direct service to students and people of color in Vermont. He is grateful for the crucial mentoring he received from core training staff at The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond in New Orleans, Louisiana; Dr. Jim Dunn and Ronald Chisom, Founders of the "Undoing Racism Workshops" And from Lee Mun Wah of Stir Fry Productions in Berkeley California, as a certified Mindfulness facilitator. Anthony earned a baccalaureate from the University of Notre Dame in the Great Books Program, a classical education in the western traditions of history, science, philosophy, literature, and the Socratic method. He went on to earn occupational degrees in agricultural specialties – production management and agricultural mechanics from Rend Lake College.

