



**Member Spotlight:** Jasmine Kara  
**Affiliation:** Sidney Ledson Institute / Mensa  
**Position:** Vice Principal / Gifted Youth Committee Member

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**What do you currently do? Are you working on anything in particular you'd like to briefly share with the NCME community?**

*I am currently the Vice Principal at Sidney Ledson Institute, a private elementary school in Toronto, Canada, and I am also a member of Mensa Canada's Gifted Youth Committee; both roles involve fulfilling objectives to foster, research, and stimulate intelligence, specifically, as this pertains to potentially high-achieving youth. As a Vice Principal, I ensure that the school's pedagogies are regularly evolving based on psychometric evaluations of our program efficacy, and by staying up-to-date on evidence-based strategies; this further includes the review and revision of practices to best assist in the early identification of neurodevelopmental anomalies, as well as those to elicit accelerated learning outcomes amongst these neuro-diverse student groups (students with top percentile IQ, mild ADHD, ASD, or unspecified communication disorders). I am currently pursuing extended study in data-science and machine learning, aspiring to leverage a deeper understanding of these fields to enhance derivation processes of optimal elementary-school instruction practices.*

**What sparked your initial interest in educational measurement?**

*My interest in educational measurement began with a study I had conducted in eighth grade to determine the effects of frequent video-game play on academic and motor aptitudes; the process of measuring abilities, identifying potential bias, and determining a possible correlation evoked a natural enthusiasm and came with such an ease of execution that I never would have suspected the project would win a provincial award. This experience certainly built confidence in my scientific-inquiry instincts and has motivated me to pursue the study and practice of educational measurement and correlational research across the years of my career in school management.*

**What does NCME mean to you?**

*I appreciate that the NCME connects me to a community of like-minded professionals that bring valuable insights on topics that align with critical facets of my personal objectives.*

**If you could cast yourself in a movie, what would it be?**

*If I could cast myself in a movie, I would like to play the role of Iron Man in Avengers: Endgame. I am fascinated by the theoretical applications of technology for the automation of manual tasks; enacting a role with access to novel machines and software would let me explore the fantasy of living in a tech-bubble! I chose Endgame from the many compelling franchise options because it is the movie in which Stark eventually demonstrates the least hubris; Stark's heroic choice presented a riveting commitment to a logical solution, reflecting a mindset I would gladly emulate.*