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Dr. Kathleen Adolt-Silva (or Dr. KAS, as she's affectionately known) has dedicated her career to providing outstanding services to students with special needs. She is an experienced education pioneer with a focus on innovative and individualized curriculum.

As a subject matter expert for Kelly Education, Dr. KAS develops training programs and materials to support our Special Education and Managed Paraeducator Programs. In this role, she is uniquely poised to positively impact school districts' abilities to provide quality paraeducator talent to classrooms around the nation. Under her guidance, Kelly Education launched a proprietary competency assessment to help schools evaluate and improve paraeducator skillsets.

An engaging and accomplished speaker, Dr. KAS educates industry peers on the important role paraeducators play in providing opportunities for students with special needs to achieve academic success through innovative and individualized curriculum and programs. She frequently presents on topics such as *Rethinking the Role of the Paraeducator*; *Training Paraeducators to Teach and Model Executive Functioning Skills*; and *Developing Academic Resilience in students with LD and ADHD through the teaching of executive functioning skills*.

Dr. KAS joined Kelly Education with 30+ years in the field of education, previously serving as a charter school administrator and adjunct professor. Her experience also includes a specific concentration in Special Education, charter schools, post-secondary teacher education, paraeducator certification and training, early childhood and hearing-impaired education, students with specific learning disabilities and students with attention/focus deficits.

Dr. KAS graduated from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor's degree in Education/Teaching of the Hearing-Impaired and has completed Master's work in Early Childhood education with Boston University of Education. She also holds a Master of Arts degree in Teaching and Learning, Special Education, and a doctorate degree in Special Education from Walden University. In addition, Dr. KAS is a member of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) and the Learning Disability Association (LDA).

