

## A Personal Reflection

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It was a privilege to work with my colleague and friend Lupita Turner for 30 years. We first met at Harvard University for the conference of the Comparative International Education Society in 1993. Lupita dedicated herself to World Education Fellowship International over decades and promoted educational leadership on five continents. Lupita created opportunities for WEF members to learn, innovate and lead in areas of great educational need. One special interest for me is the education of girls and women in the developing world, as well as underserved communities in the United States.

One highlight of our collaboration was participating in the UN General Assembly September meetings. As senior representative to the United Nations, I was able to connect educators with projects from South America to Asia to Africa. Lupita's support and encouragement was invaluable to researchers and practitioners alike. It is with respect and gratitude that I honor the memory of our General Secretary.

Lupita led a rich and interesting life. She was one of eleven children of successful, professional Mexican parents. Her father was an engineer who later created a transportation corporation. They became one of the first families of Culiacan, Sinaloa.

Lupita's career began as a science teacher. She studied at King's College, London. She and her husband Professor David Turner, WEF's Honorary Treasurer, travelled extensively for research, teaching and consultation. I learned a good deal about Japan, Korea and China from their experiences. I was delighted to travel with her to Mexico to visit primary and secondary schools. Lupita's lifelong dedication to educational development inspired us all.



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