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Dr. J.D. LaRock is the President & CEO of the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE), a global nonprofit organization that provides high-quality entrepreneurship education to high school and middle school students from under-resourced communities, as well as programs for college students and adults. NFTE currently works in 25 U.S. states and 14 countries and has served more than 1.1 million students since its founding in 1987.

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