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Dr William Alba is the first Director of the Science and Humanities Scholars Program, the premier multidisciplinary undergraduate programme at Carnegie Mellon University. As an Associate Teaching Professor of Chemistry with a courtesy faculty appointment in the Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences, he represents, leads and advises some of the most academically nimble students at the university. He is also the Assistant Dean for Diversity in the Mellon College of Science, Director of Advanced Placement Early Admission Program, Fellow of the Frank-Ratchye STUDIO for Creative Inquiry and Chapter President of the Phi Beta Kappa Society at CMU.

His areas of interest embrace the transition from high school to college, firstyear and summer programming, developing students with superb and assorted academic talents, increasing college access for diverse populations, and appropriate uses of technology in education. Dr Alba has built and boosted successful programs that support the academic, metacurricular, and residential lives of students; developed and taught courses across diverse disciplines; and collaborated on projects that span the humanities, engineering, science and design.