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Aarti Dhupelia is Vice President for Undergraduate Education and Dean of the Undergraduate College at National Louis University, where she oversees NLU's innovative undergraduate degree program designed to drive equity in higher education by offering students affordability, strong wraparound support, and a personalized and professionally focused curriculum. Prior to joining NLU, Aarti served in several senior leadership roles at Chicago Public Schools, most recently as CPS' Chief Officer for the Office of College and Career Success, where she drove strategies around attendance and truancy, drop-out re-engagement, out-of-school time, social and emotional learning, college and career planning, and early college and career acceleration coursework. Before joining CPS, Aarti worked as a management consultant to Fortune 500 companies at Marakon Associates.

Currently, Aarti serves on the Boards of Civic Consulting Alliance, Noble Network of Charter Schools, and Distinctive Schools, as well as on the Leadership Council of Thrive Chicago. In 2019, she served as Co-Chair of the Education Transition Committee for Chicago's Mayor Lori Lightfoot, and in prior years, she participated in the US Department of Education's employability skills expert working group and as a Judge in First Lady Michelle Obama's Reach Higher Career App Challenge.

Aarti holds a Master of Business Administration from Harvard Business School and a Bachelor of Arts from Northwestern University, and she is an alumna of the Broad Residency in Urban Education and Leadership Greater Chicago. In 2017, the Center for Digital Education named Aarti to its Top 30 Technologists, Transformers, and Trailblazers nationwide.