Scott Ridley was a visionary with the courage and persistence to revolutionize the way educators are prepared to be successful in the classroom. Dr. Ridley was a dynamic dean of education who believed that the best means for equipping teacher candidates was strengthening connections between teacher preparation faculty and their school communities.

He served as dean of the College of Education at Texas Tech University and the associate dean in the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College at Arizona State University, and he was a founding member of Deans for Impact.

"Taking reasoned risks to pilot innovations and acknowledging that we do not ‘know it all’ removes the barriers (and the weight) associated with the status quo. I know from experience that we can continue to improve the effectiveness of educators. ... We continue to learn and grow as a society, therefore our educator preparation programs must continue to evolve."

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