

Teacher Residency Cohort 2018-19



Name: Lawrence Bloom

College: Drexel University, Syracuse University

Major: Bachelors in Communications, Biology, Masters in Telecommunications, Animation, Film, TV

Teaching: High School Science, STEM

School: Kensington CAPA High School

Why Teach in Philly Public Schools: You learn as much as you teach be able to makes a difference in students lives by inspiring the love of learning I have never lost and remember to think outside the box.

Fun Fact: I have been involved in radio and voice over work. I knew the original Star Trek cast.



Name: Donnie Crosby II

College: Lincoln University of P.A.

Major: B.S. Clinical Counseling Psychology

Teaching: Middle School Science

School: Cook Wissahickon ES

Why Teach in Philly Public Schools: My decision to teach in Philadelphia schools is rooted in my upbringing. I attended public schools for my elementary and high school years and as a result, I'm turning out to be the best man possible. What better way to pay it forward than to use my talents to help the next generation: "Respect your parents, they passed school without google."

Fun Fact: I sang the National Anthem at a Phillies game when I was 12.



Name: Paul Grieve

College: Michigan State University, Penn State University

Major: BS and MS in Geosciences

Teaching: High School Science

School: Benjamin Franklin High School

Why Teach In Philly Public Schools: I believe are future scientist are here in Philly. I want to teach these students to help them reach their potential.

Fun Fact: During college I cycled across the county.

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Name: Ami Patel Hopkins

College: The Pennsylvania State University, Johns Hopkins University

Major: Bachelors in Psychology, Masters in Public Policy

Teaching: Middle School Science

School: Cook-Wissahickon ES

Why Teach in Philly Public Schools: I started my professional career as a 1st grade teacher and left the classroom to advocate for family, student, and educator voice in decision-making. I had an opportunity to do this for 10 years in Philadelphia. I am excited to share what I have learned and to empower my students and their families!

Fun Fact: I live in Northwest Philadelphia with my husband and son.



Name: Brittany Jackson

College: Rutgers University

Major: Math

Teaching: Middle School Math

School: Albert M. Greenfield Elementary School

Why Teach in Philly Public Schools: I am honored to be a vessel for education and empowerment for the residents of a city that has contributed tremendously to my personal, professional and educational growth. I am excited to inspire and encourage youth who can see themselves in me and my journey.

Fun fact: I can't survive without Cartoon Network



Name: Jon Kane

College: Rutgers University- School of Environmental and Biological Sciences

Major: Environmental and Biological Sciences

Teaching: Middle School Sciences

School: Cook Wissahickon ES

Why Teach in Philly Public Schools: I have chosen to teach in School District of Philadelphia because I believe the students make the city great. I want to help show students how to interact with the natural world in an exciting classroom setting. I also look forward to learning a lot from the students.

Fun Fact: I like being in any kind of green setting, and have been that way since I was young. I look forward to exploring the parks around Philadelphia.

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Name: Nellie Kollar

College: Temple University, Drexel University

Major: Geology (Temple), Education (Drexel)

Teaching: High School Earth & Space Science

School: Benjamin Franklin High School

Why Teach in Philly Public Schools: I hope to become an advocate for my students and encourage them to be involved in the sciences. I believe the best way to understand a city and its communities is through its public schools and the students I will serve.

Fun Fact: I usually read 1-2 books a week, mostly fiction or science fiction.



Name: Ray Leone

College: Boston University

Major: B.A. in Environmental Analysis and Policy.

Teaching: Middle School Science

School: James Dobson Elementary School

Why Teach in Philly Public Schools: I am excited to teach in the School District of Philadelphia and to share in the excitement and importance of science.

Fun Fact: During and after college, I was involved with community organizing focused on environmental issues. I have also spent time farming in Maine, New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.



Name: Jonnae McClain

College: Drexel University

Major: Teacher Education

Teaching: James Dobson Elementary School, 4th Grade

Why Teach in Philly Public Schools: want to be the teacher who empowers [students] to overcome adversities that they experience and foster an appreciation for the rich culture that this city provides.

Fun Fact: I love softball.

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Name: Alex Shin

College: Drexel University

Major: Bachelors in Physics

Teaching: High School Mathematics

School: Bodine High School

Why Teach in Philly Public Schools: I have been in Philly for past four years and I really loved the community. It felt like home and I wanted to give back to the community.

Fun Fact: Music is an integral part of my life; I've played and still play numerous instruments and listen to wide variety of music genres.