

Teacher Residency Cohort 2018-19



TEMPLE TEACHER RESIDENCY



Name: Chandra Andrews

College: Penn State University, University of Oklahoma, Penn State University

Major: B.A. Political Science, M.A. International Relations, M.A. Human Relations, Master of Business Administration

Teaching: Secondary Math

School: Juniata Park Academy

Why Teach in Philly Public Schools: Kids are kids and they all deserve the best. I want to be part of a team that strives to ensure that equitable education is not simply a buzzword, but is truly action-oriented.

Fun Fact: I am a former Intelligence Officer and 6 amazing kids call me Mom.



Name: Chahira Bensalem

College: Temple University

Major: Secondary Education

Teaching: Chemistry

School: Abraham Lincoln High School

Why Teach in Philly Public Schools: I have been a substitute teacher within the school district of Philadelphia for a couple of years and I enjoyed the energy of teaching students. I really like to have my own classroom and help students enjoy learning.

Fun Fact: I am a fan of learning languages.



Name: Stuart Berg

College: Penn State University, Drexel University, Temple University

Major: BS Civil Engineering, MS Environmental Science,

Teaching: Middle School Science (physics & biology)

School: AMY at James Martin

Why Teach in Philly Public Schools: I believe that children are capable of just about anything if given the right role models and resources. I think I can be that person and resource for many students.

Fun Fact: I secretly love it when my son requests the Moana and Lion King soundtracks on long drives.

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Name: Maggie Clerkin

College: University of North Carolina Asheville

Major: Psychology and Math with a concentration in Statistics

Teaching: Middle School Math

School: Chester A. Arthur School

Why Teach in Philly Public Schools: I love the rich history and culture of Philadelphia. I believe every student deserves a quality education and I want to empower students through education.

Fun Fact: I recently moved to Philly from Raleigh, NC and am excited to make Philly my home!



Name: Joe Connelly

College: Temple University

Major: Political Science

Teaching: Middle Years Science

School: AMY Northwest

Why Teach in Philly Public Schools: I wish to offer support and guidance while inspiring curiosity in my students and simultaneously allowing myself to learn and grow from them.

Fun Fact: If I weren't starting a career in teaching I would probably either be working towards an MSW or figuring out a way to move to Mexico City.



Name: Jillian Dela Cruz

College: Rutgers University

Major: Biological Sciences

Teaching: Biology

School: Lincoln High School

Why Teach in Philly Public Schools: Philly is a city based on diversity, culture, and tradition. I am excited to contribute to this community through education by helping students succeed in and beyond the classroom.

Fun Fact: I love cooking, especially homemade pasta



Name: Jared Harris

College: East Stroudsburg University, Temple University

Major: Environmental Studies and Biology, Middle Grade Science Education

Teaching: Middle Grades Science

School: AMY at James Martin

Why Teach in Philly Public Schools: I would like to make a difference. Philadelphia has opportunities to make that difference.

Fun Fact: I like to play basketball.

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Name: Emily Holzman

College: University of Scranton

Major: Biomathematics

Teaching: Middle School Math

School: AMY Northwest

Why Teach in Philly Public Schools: I am so excited to be in Philadelphia and working to provide a quality education to the city's children. I want to help provide an environment which fosters learning, empowers kids, and gives every student confidence in their ability to learn.

Fun Fact: I have a three year old black lab mix named Lakota.



Name: Hoa Huynh

College: Temple University

Major: Math

Teaching: Middle School Math

School: Conwell Middle School

Why Teach in Philly Public Schools: Ten years ago, when I first came, Philly gave me opportunities to learn and to work. I think it is my turn to give back and to help the youth.

Fun Fact: I learned Chinese for two years, Japanese for three years, but now I cannot speak even a word with those languages.



Name: Richard Love

College: Penn State University, M.Ed from Temple University

Major: BS in Engineering

Teaching: High School Physics and Math

School: Lincoln High School

Why Teach in Philly Public Schools: I believe that all students have the right to a quality education and I want to help them find success.

Fun Fact: I am a fully trained white water rafting guide.



Name: Doan Pham

College: Temple University

Major: Biology B.S.

Teaching: Middle School Science

School: Juniata Park Academy

Why Teach in Philly Public Schools: Philly is my home and I love the liveliness of it. I want to help the children of this city learn and grow into amazing young adults, and I hope to learn a lot from them as well!

Fun Fact: I have 2 doggies named Maestro and Maxie. I call them my "M&Ms".

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Name: Takia Raneri

College: Notre Dame of Maryland University

Major: BA in Math

Teaching: Secondary Math

School: AMY at James Martin

Why Teach in Philly Public Schools: I have chosen to teach in SDP because I am a product of them and want to give back.

Fun Fact: I love to travel and explore new places.



Name: Clifton Sanders

College: University of Pittsburgh

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Teaching: Middle School Math

School: AMY at James Martin

Why teach in Philly Public Schools: I want to teach in SDP because I believe the children of Philadelphia are very capable and I want the opportunity to challenge the students to make the best of their talents.

Fun fact: I was raised in the Harrisburg area, but I have not lived there in more than a decade. Currently, I have a motorcycle sitting in the garage needing repair. But once it is fixed, I hope to use the summer months to explore North America.



Name: Lola Sergeant

College: Cornell University, The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania

Major: Materials Science and Engineering, General Management

Teaching: Middle School Math

School: The Mayfair School

Why Teach in Philly Public Schools: Every child, regardless of their socio-economic background, deserves access to good teachers and a quality education that can serve as a catalyst for their future successes in life. As a proud product of a public school education, this is my opportunity to give back.

Fun Fact: I love track and field and I've completed the Philadelphia Marathon.



Name: Ashalata Shanbhag

College: University of Mumbai

Major: Bachelor's in Physics, Master's in Business Administration

Teaching: Middle School Math and Science

School: AMY Northwest

Why teach in Philly Public Schools: I believe teaching in my community is the most effective contribution I can make to Philadelphia, the city I call home.

Fun Facts: I travel to India once in two years to visit my parents.

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Name: Marina Stuart

College: Connecticut College, Temple University

Major: Environmental Studies, Education

Teaching: Middle Grades Math and Science

School: Overbrook Educational Center

Why Teach in Philly Public Schools: I was an AmeriCorps VISTA working at the E.M Stanton School and developed a love of teaching. I wanted to teach in Philadelphia because we have such rich histories and communities to integrate into our classrooms.

Fun Fact: I am a Philadelphian native, I attended Science Leadership Academy (Go Rockets), and every Saturday morning I meet family and friends at Reading Terminal Market for brunch and shopping, a tradition has existed since I was five or so years old.



Name: Michael F. Sweeney

College: Temple University

Major: Business Administration, Economics

Teaching: Secondary Math and Science

School: Mayfair Elementary

Why Teach in Philly Public Schools: Philadelphia is a great city and every child in Philadelphia deserves a great education.

Fun Fact: I live in Mayfair and I'm happy to have the opportunity to teach students in my neighborhood.



Name: Louise Tessier

College: University of Delaware

Major: Double major in Math and Public Policy

Teaching: Middle School Math

School: AMY Northwest

Why teach in Philly Public Schools: I believe that education is a powerful tool when working towards social justice. I love working with kids and I love Philadelphia.

Fun Fact: I was a substitute teacher in England last year.

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Name: Vernon Trumbull

College: Temple University

Major: B.S. in Environmental Science

Teaching: Secondary Science

School: Overbrook Educational Center

Why Teach in Philly Public Schools: I want to teach in SDP public schools because I want to help where help is needed.

Fun Fact: I took a course over the summer in the Caribbean, where I studied tropical marine biology while receiving my PADI scuba certification.