

**Teacher Residency Cohort 2018-19**



**Name:** Ashley Bell

**College:** Villanova University, University of Pennsylvania  
Graduate School of Education

**Major:** Criminology, Masters in Urban Education

**Teaching:** High School History

**School:** Kensington Health Sciences Academy

**Why Teach in Philly Public Schools:** I grew up in Philly and attended public school here. I also had amazing teachers while in the SDP system and I would like to pour into youth just as those teachers poured into me.

**Fun Fact:** I am a First Generation college graduate.



**Name:** Maxwell Bicking

**College:** Ursinus College

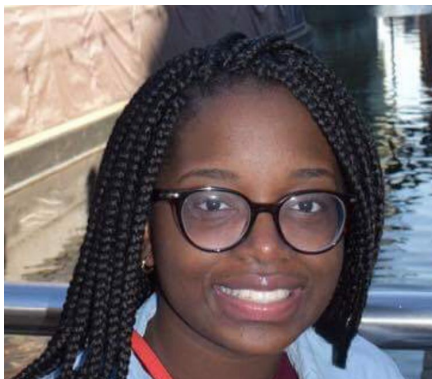
**Major:** Math & Computer Science

**Teaching:** 10th and 11th Grade Algebra 2 and Geometry

**School:** School of the Future

**Why Teach in Philly Public Schools:** I came to SDP two years ago through City Year. I fell in love with the city and its schools and want to make a positive impact in the lives of students through STEM education.

**Fun Fact:** I was named after the children's book "Where the Wild Things Are"



**Name:** Michelle Desjardins

**College:** University of Pittsburgh, Penn GSE

**Major:** English Writing and Communication

**Teaching:** Kensington Health Sciences Academy

**Why Teach in Philly Public Schools:** I believe in access to a quality and equitable public education and I want to make sure that happens for every student.

**Fun Fact:** I have dreamed of being a teacher since age 3, according to my mom!

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**Name:** Jennie Egan

**College:** Claremont Mckenna College

**Major:** Government

**Teaching:** Middle School Social Studies

**School:** Henry C. Lea Elementary School

**Why Teach in Philly Public Schools:** I was introduced to the activism of Philadelphia's young people through the program POPPYN and have since been inspired to become a teacher in this city.

**Fun Fact:** I was born in California.



**Name:** Chloe Glynn

**College:** Temple, UPenn

**Major:** Biology with economics minor, M.S. Ed

**Teaching:** High School Biology

**School:** Academies at Roxborough

**Why Teach in Philly Public Schools:** As a long-time Philly resident, I love the energy on the subway when high-school is letting out. Talking about science and climate with my younger neighbors is an investment in our shared future.

**Fun Fact:** I am SCUBA certified and once swam with a whale shark!



**Name:** Zainab Khan

**College:** CUNY Hunter College, Penn Graduate School of Education

**Major:** English Literatures, Language and Criticism

**Teaching:** Middle School English

**School:** Henry C. Lea Elementary and Middle School

**Why Teach in Philly Public Schools:** I believe in the public education system and want to give back to my community by teaching. Philly is a beautiful city with easy access to cultural activities that I want to share with my students.

**Fun Fact:** I love to cook!



**Name:** Kaitlin Malixi

**College:** University of Pennsylvania (current Grad School), University of South Carolina, James Madison University

**Major:** Secondary Education and English / Library and Information Science

**Teaching:** High School English

**School:** Kensington Health Sciences Academy

**Why Teach in Philly Schools:** I have fallen in love with Philadelphia and strongly support public education. I think this is my chance to give back and serve others.

**Fun Fact:** I worked in libraries for almost 16 years.

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**Name:** Christine Matera

**College:** Harvard University, University of Pennsylvania

**Major:** Psychology

**Teaching:** High School Biology and Chemistry

**School:** Horace Furness High School

**Why Teach in Philly Public Schools:** I wanted to engage with and work with students who live out and add to Philadelphia's rich culture on a daily basis. I, in turn, hope to make a positive impact on their lives via access to a quality educational experience.

**Fun Fact:** I coach high school girls' basketball at my alma mater.



**Name:** Alicia Zoe Halpin Ortiz

**College:** Lafayette College / University of Pennsylvania

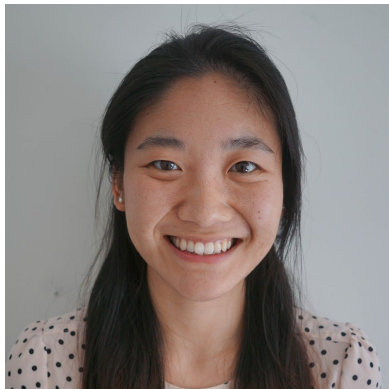
**Major:** B.S. Biology / M.S.Ed. Middle Level Science

**Teaching:** Middle School Science

**School:** Edwin M. Stanton School

**Why I Teach in Philly Public Schools:** I grew up in an urban environment and I want to pay forward the education that I got to the next generations of learners. I love the culture of Philadelphia, and hope to utilize all it has to offer to help foster a never-ending curiosity within my students.

**Fun Fact:** I also work part time as an environmental educator!



**Name:** Margaret Wang

**College:** Rutgers University, Upenn

**Major:** Biology, Secondary Education

**Teaching:** High School Biology

**School:** Roxborough High School

**Why Teach in Philly Public Schools:** Philadelphia is a beautiful, dynamic city full of people who are passionate about what they believe in. I hope to take part in empowering the youth of today to become the leaders of tomorrow.

**Fun Fact:** I'm getting married next June!