

Honors & Awards for our ACT Interns & Teachers!

2019-20

Let's give a big shout out to **Matt Corcoran!** Matt enrolled in ACT Dallas in the summer of 2016 and was hired that fall as a math teacher at **Evans Middle School in McKinney ISD**. Now in his 4th year at Evans, Matt teaches 8th grade Pre-Algebra & Geometry and also coaches 7th grade Football and 8th grade Basketball. Matt is a super teacher and coach! He has been honored as the 2019-20 "**Teacher of the Year**" Way to go, Matt!



Ms. Kennitra Robertson enrolled in ACT Dallas in 2007 and has accumulated many honors and awards during her 13 years with **Plano ISD**. She moved to Texas with teaching experience in Louisiana and taught science at Plano's **Wilson Middle School** for 7 years. Then after obtaining her Master's Degree, she served as a campus administrator at **Otto Middle School** for 5 years. This year, Kennitra has been named the **principal of Robinson Middle School**. Congratulations to this distinguished career educator who is regularly engaged to motivate new teachers with the story of her path to administration!



2017-2018

Ms. Angellica Grayson of Summer Creek Middle school in Crowley ISD has been honored as the **Teacher of the Year** for her campus. Angellica is an outstanding P.E. teacher who was enrolled in ACT Dallas in 2010. Way to go, Angellica!



KENNETH WASHINGTON is an amazing Social Studies teacher at Village Tech in Cedar Hill. He was nominated by his students for the **CARENOW Teacher of the Month** and received the award on WFAA TV. Watch the video!

<https://www.wfaa.com/video/entertainment/television/programs/good-morning-texas/carenow-teacher-of-the-month-kenneth-washington/287-8140515>

2016-17

Katlin Mozzocco received the high honor of being one of 3 beginning teachers in Texas to be selected "**2016-17 Intern of the Year**" by the Texas Alternative Certification Association. When Kate received this award and a \$1,000 check, she was teaching 2nd grade at Hart Elementary School in Lovejoy ISD. Since then Kate has married and is now Kate Duncan. She and her husband live in McKinney, but she still teaches in Lovejoy. She is now an outstanding 4th grade teacher at Puster Elementary School.



2015-16

Victoria Wimmer was one of 3 state winners named by the Texas Alternative Certification Association as "**Intern of the Year**" for 2014-15. Victoria teaches English I and English II Pre-AP at Pantego Christian Academy in Dallas. Not only is Victoria an amazing teacher, but she is also a talented leader who was also chosen to be the Freshman Class Sponsor.



MARCUS SHAVERS, 2009 ACT Dallas intern, is the head football coach and Campus Athletic Coordinator at McKinney High School in McKinney ISD. Talk about a champ! Marcus is a great educator and coach, totally dedicated to his students and players. Way to go, Marcus.

2013-14

Ms. Shannon Thornton, 5th grade math teacher at Adele Turner Elementary School in Dallas ISD has been honored as "**Teacher of the Year.**" Shannon obtained teacher certification through ACT Dallas in 2011 and was honored then as "**Intern of the Year**" by the Texas Alternative Certification Association. That award was only given to 3 beginning teachers in the entire state. Shannon is a very outstanding teacher, who is now teaching at the elementary school that she attended. Congratulations! Shannon is shown below with her ACT Dallas Field Supervisor, Susan Pugh, who attended the award ceremony.



2018

RILEY DODGE has been named the head coach for Southlake Carroll High School's powerhouse football team. Riley was a former American football player and a 2015 ACT Dallas intern. He follows in his father's footsteps as a winning coach and is now on his own path for super stardom!



SABRINA HODGE, 2008 intern, began teaching at Florence Middle School in Dallas ISD. She was honored as the **Teacher of the Year** for her campus in 2009-10. Then she was promoted to Instructional Coach and has now been Assistant Principal for the past 3 years.



MATTHEW BADO is the **Teacher of the Year** for Caldwell Elementary School in McKinney ISD. Matthew teaches first grade and has been at Caldwell for 3 years.



DARLA GRAY is **Teacher of the Year** at Piedmont Global Academy in Dallas ISD. Darla is a 7th grade Texas History teacher, Team 4 Lead teacher, Academic Decathlon Coach, and the 7th grade Activities Coordinator. .



Congratulations to **ALICIA RODRIGUEZ!** Alicia has been honored as the **Teacher of the Month** at Good Elementary School in Irving ISD. Alicia's 4th grade students are cheering for her. Let's all cheer for Alicia!



DARRYL GENTRY, 2011 Intern, is now the **Assistant Principal at Meadowbrook Middle School** in Ft. Worth ISD. Mr. Gentry is a military veteran who completed his M.Ed. degree in Education at TCU.