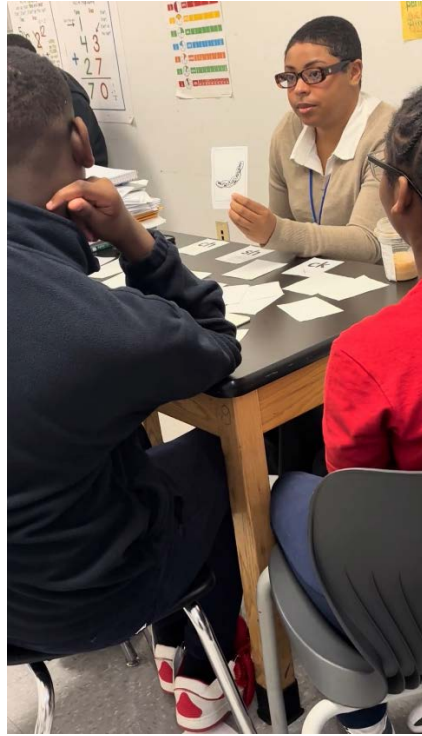


Spotlight On: Jannah Johnson

Center City NOMA Public Charter School | Elementary Education | Eight Years in Education



Jannah describes her teaching style as highly energetic, flexible, and student-focused.

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What inspired you to pursue a career as a teacher?

“I have always felt that it was important to advocate for vulnerable populations. Children oftentimes are not imbued with the power or means within society to advocate for themselves and deserve to have advocates like teachers, guidance counselors, and social workers—people that care for them enough to advocate for their right to safety and education.”

What is your favorite thing about teaching?

“Watching students’ excitement when a problem suddenly ‘clicks’ for them. Education can be so intimidating, although it is empowering. Though struggling can be productive, it can have such a heavy impact on a student’s self-esteem and self-concept. Watching a student go from frustrated to successful is one of my favorite things about being in the classroom!”

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How has the OSSE Apprenticeship in Teaching program impacted you?

“I have wanted to be a teacher for majority of my adult life, but there has always been a financial barrier present when I attempt to continue matriculating into undergraduate studies. The OSSE Apprenticeship in Teaching program has empowered me to be able to continue my education without the constant stress of financial barriers or crippling debt that I would have to carry with me for the majority of my career.”

What do you wish more people knew about teachers in the District?

“Every teacher I’ve encountered since moving to DC has been extremely dedicated to their craft and has constantly looked for professional opportunities to better their practice. They show up for the kids in every space they inhabit and work tirelessly to create positive student outcomes.”

What would you say to someone who is thinking of applying for the OSSE Apprenticeship in Teaching program?

“APPLY! This program has given me the chance at an education I would have otherwise spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on, which has renewed my sense of purpose in both the classrooms I work in and those I sit in as a student!”

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