

## Spotlight On: **Shardae Farrell**

Friendship Public Charter School-Southeast Academy | Early Childhood Education

Seven Years in Education



*Shardae describes her teaching style as loving, hands-on, and colorful.*

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### **What inspired you to pursue a career as a teacher?**

I was born into a family of educators who strive for nothing but the best! I love the influence that I have on kids, and the fact that those students come back to visit and share their education journey.

### **What is your favorite thing about teaching?**

Being able to love on my kids every single day and knowing that I am making a difference.

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**How has the OSSE Apprenticeship in Teaching program impacted you?**

Since being in the program, I have taken in different skills from the other students who are in the program. I like the relationships that I have built with the educators, and it really has expanded my horizon in teaching.

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

Please do it! This program opens doors for anyone who participates. I cannot tell people how much I really enjoy networking with other teachers and being able to share stories, experiences, and even advice on different things that we can use in the classroom.

*For more information about the OSSE Apprenticeship in Teaching program, please visit [osse.dc.gov/page/osse-apprenticeship-teaching](https://osse.dc.gov/page/osse-apprenticeship-teaching).*