



Delaware Department of Education Summer Fellows – Class of 2016

Educators as Catalysts

Delaware Future Education Leaders Program

Education Pioneers



Delaware
Department of Education

Delaware Public School Teachers and Specialists
June 20th – August 4th 2016

EDUCATORS AS CATALYSTS



Amanda Chas

Educators as Catalysts, Summer 2016

Current Position

Middletown High School, Appoquinimink School District
Acting, Technical Theatre, Musical Theatre, and English Teacher

DDOE Summer Project

Establishing Systems for Recognizing Exceptional Novice Educators
Summer Sponsor: Shannon Holston (Teacher & Leader Effectiveness)

Honors and Awards

2016 Appoquinimink District Teacher of the Year
Grant Recipient for Lowe's Tool Box for Education
The Juilliard School – Director's Intensive Program Graduate

Teacher Leadership

New Teacher Mentor
Department Chair – Personal Studies for Middletown High School
Former DDOE Component V Development Committee Member
Former DDOE Standards and Curriculum Development Committee Member

College and Degree

University of Delaware – Alternative Routes to Certification
University of Delaware – Master of Arts, Instruction: Technology Focus
The New School University – Bachelor of Fine Arts, Musical Theatre



Chantalle Ashford

Educators as Catalysts, Summer 2016

Current Position

Indian River High School, Indian River School District
Chorus, ELA, and Special Education Teacher

DDOE Summer Project

Strategies to Increase the Diversity of DE's Educator Workforce
Summer Sponsor: Maria Stecker (Teacher & Leader Effectiveness)

Honors and Awards

Teach for America – Personal Impact Award

Teacher Leadership

Reviewer, National Core Arts Standards for Visual and
Performing Arts
A Cappella Group Director
Teaching Tolerance Club Facilitator

College and Degree

Relay Graduate School of Education – Master of Teaching, English (*in progress*)
College of William and Mary – Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Africana Studies



Deborah Long

Educators as Catalysts, Summer 2016

Current Position

Sussex Technical High School, Sussex Tech School District
Social Studies Teacher

DDOE Summer Project

Ethics Course Implementation for Comprehensive Induction Program
Summer Sponsor: Erin Pieshala (Teacher & Leader Effectiveness)

Honors and Awards

2008 and 2014 Sussex Tech District Teacher of the Year
DDOE Teacher of the Year Action Committee Member

Teacher Leadership

Teacher Leadership Academy Member
Co-advisor for Educators Rising (Future Educators of America)
Assistant Varsity Softball Coach

College and Degree

Wilmington University – Master of Education, Career and Technical Education (*in progress*)
Wesley College – Master of Arts, Teaching
Wesley College – Bachelor of Arts, History



Holly Schnittger

Educators as Catalysts, Summer 2016

Current Position

Thomas McKean High School, Red Clay Consolidated School District
Italian Teacher

DDOE Summer Project

Communications for Refreshed World-Readiness Standards
for Learning Languages
Summer Sponsor: Gregory Fulkerson (Teaching & Learning)

Honors and Awards

2014 Thomas McKean High School Teacher of the Year
2014 Delaware Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
Teacher of the Year

Teacher Leadership

Chair of Delaware World Language Teacher Leader Network
Department Chair of World Languages and Practical Arts
Varsity Cheerleading Coach

College and Degree

Stony Brook University – Master of Arts, Italian
University of Delaware – Honors Bachelor of Arts, Italian Education



Jordan Hudson

Educators as Catalysts, Summer 2016

Current Position

William Penn High School, Colonial School District
Allied Health Teacher

DDOE Summer Project

Paid Internship Programs for Post-Secondary Students
Summer Sponsor: Peg Ensen (Teaching & Learning)

Past Work Experience

Lead Molecular Scientist for Delaware Public Health Laboratory
Emerging Infectious Disease Training Fellow for Center for Disease
Control and Prevention

Teacher Leadership

HOSA: Future Health Professionals Chapter Advisor
Allied Health Professionals Career Day Organizer at WPHS

College and Degree

Wilmington University – Master of Education, Career and Technical Education
Salisbury University – Bachelor of Science, Biology
Salisbury University – Bachelor of Arts, Interdisciplinary Studies Anthropology Track



Kathleen Swierzbinski

Educators as Catalysts, Summer 2016

Current Position

Caesar Rodney High School, Caesar Rodney School District
English Language Arts Teacher

DDOE Summer Project

Professional Learning for CTE Teacher Academy
Summer Sponsor: Rita Hovermale (Teaching & Learning)

Honors and Awards

2015 Caesar Rodney High School Teacher of the Year
Kerr Education Grant Recipient for Holocaust Education

Teacher Leadership

Lead Mentor for Year II Teachers at CR High School

College and Degree

University of Delaware – Alternative Routes to Certification
University of Delaware – Bachelor of Arts, English Literary Studies



Kelly Sipple

Educators as Catalysts, Summer 2016

Current Position

W.T. Chipman Middle School, Lake Forest School District
Business Education Teacher and Instructional Lead Teacher

DDOE Summer Project

Professional Learning for Business Professionals of America
Summer Sponsor: Lisa Wilson (Teaching & Learning)

Honors and Awards

2016 Lake Forest School District Teacher of the Year
Jobs for Delaware Graduates Top Job Specialist
Former *Who's Who in Among American High School Teachers*
Spotlight

Teacher Leadership

Delaware Classroom Educators Advisory Council Representative
Academic Instructional Coach for DPAS II Component V and
Schoology
Former DDOE Component V Development Committee Member

College and Degree

Delaware State University – Master of Arts, Curriculum and Instruction
Delaware State University – Bachelor of Science, Business Education



Kevin DiCostanzo

Educators as Catalysts, Summer 2016

Current Position

Milford High School, Milford School District
Social Studies Teacher

DDOE Summer Project

School Leader Assessment Research
Summer Sponsor: Chris Kenton (Professional Standards Board)

Teacher Leadership

Vice President of Milford Education Association (MEA)
Chair of Legislative Committee of MEA

College and Degree

Wilmington University – Doctor of Education, Education Leadership (*in progress*)
University of Delaware – Master of Education, Educational Technology
Millersville University – Bachelor of Education, Secondary Education: Social Studies



Lindsay Luzier

Educators as Catalysts, Summer 2016

Recent Teaching Experience

Previously 4th Grade Teacher at North Georgetown Elementary, Indian River School District & 2nd – 5th Grade Teacher for Anne Arundel County Public Schools

DDOE Summer Project

Professional Standards Board Regulation Database
Summer Sponsor: Chris Kenton (Professional Standards Board)

Honors and Awards

Pi Lambda Theta Educational Honor Society Member
Teacher of the Year Nominee, Anne Arundel County

Teacher Leadership

Former mentor teacher for student teacher intern

College and Degree

Washington College of Chestertown – Bachelor of Arts,
Human Development



Mary Jane Long

Educators as Catalysts, Summer 2016

Current Position

Fairview & Hartly Elementary Schools, Capital School District
Art Teacher, Grades K-4

DDOE Summer Project

Communications for the Future of Professional Learning
Summer Sponsor: Angela Moffett-Batty (Teaching & Learning)

Honors and Awards

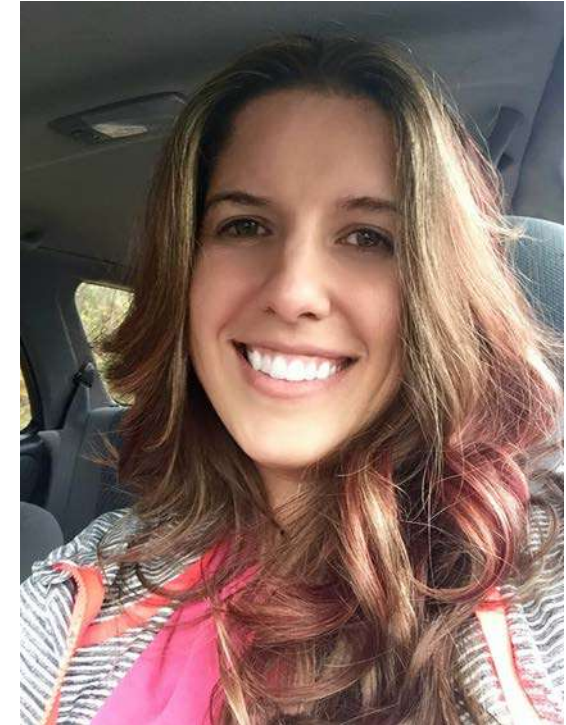
2016 Presenter in *Leadership Super Session* at National Arts Education Association convention
2014 ArtSonia *Leadership Award for Family and Community Involvement in Education and Technology Integration in the Arts*

Teacher Leadership

Past President – Delaware Art Education Association
School for Art Leaders Graduate sponsored by National Arts Education Association
Reviewer, National Core Arts Standards for Visual and Performing Arts
Former Measure B Arts Assessment Writer & Reviewer for DPAS-II

College and Degree

Wilmington University – Master of Education, School Leadership
Delaware State University – Bachelor of Arts, Art Education



Michael Williams

Educators as Catalysts, Summer 2016

Current Position

Georgetown Middle School, Indian River School District
Math and AVID Teacher

DDOE Summer Project

Strategies for Attracting and Retaining Exceptional Educators
for Critical Need Subject Areas
Summer Sponsor: Maria Stecker (Teacher & Leader Effectiveness)

Honors and Awards

Student Body Vice President at the University of Texas at Austin
Teach for America – Impact Award

Teacher Leadership

Delaware College Scholars New SAT Test Prep Teacher
Former Community Relations and Investment Intern for
College Access at Barclaycard US

College and Degree

Wilmington University – Master of Arts, Teaching: Secondary Teaching
University of Texas at Austin – Bachelor of Science, Applied Learning and Development
University of Texas at Austin – Bachelor of Arts, Sociology



Michelle Ness

Educators as Catalysts, Summer 2016

Current Position

Cecil County Public Schools
Coordinator, School Health Program

DDOE Summer Project

Supporting Healthy Students Through Chronic Disease
Management
Summer Sponsor: Linda Wolfe (School Supports)

Honors and Awards

National Board Certified School Nurse
Member, Sigma Theta Tau, Honor Society of Nursing

College and Degree

University of Delaware - Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing
Science (*in progress*)
Wilmington University - Master of Science in Nursing
Leadership
University of Delaware - Bachelor of Science in Nursing



Nicole Bowe

Educators as Catalysts, Summer 2016

Current Position

St. Georges Technical High School, NCC-VT
Career Instructor, Early Childhood Education

Delaware Technical Community College
Adjunct Instructor

DDOE Summer Project

CTE Program of Study for Early Childhood Education
Summer Sponsor: Rita Hovermale (Teaching & Learning)

Honors and Awards

2016 NCC-VT District Teacher of the Year
Governor's Award for Excellence in Early Care and Education

Teacher Leadership

Delaware Readiness Team – Co-Team Lead
University of Delaware Student Teacher Mentor

College and Degree

Wilmington University – Master of Education, School Counseling
Wilmington University – Bachelor of Science, General Studies/Early Childhood Education



Sarah Sacksteder

Educators as Catalysts, Summer 2016

Current Position

POLYTECH High School, POLYTECH School District
Social Studies and Special Education Teacher

DDOE Summer Project

Professional Standards Board Regulation Database
Summer Sponsor: Chris Kenton (Professional
Standards Board)

Teacher Leadership

Technology Committee Member

College and Degree

Ohio Northern University – Bachelor of Arts, Social
Studies Secondary Education



Stephanie Morrison

Educators as Catalysts, Summer 2016

Current Position

John S. Charlton School, Caesar Rodney School District
Special Education Teacher

DDOE Summer Project

Examining Health & Non-Academic Curriculum Materials
Summer Sponsor: Susan Haberstroh (Policy & External Affairs)

Honors and Awards

2016 John S. Charlton School Teacher of the Year

Teacher Leadership

New Teacher Mentor
Special Olympics Kent County Youth Athletes Sports Director

College and Degree

University of Delaware – Master of Education, Exceptional Children and Youth
West Chester University – Bachelor of Science, Education: Early Childhood & Special Education



Teresa Rush

Educators as Catalysts, Summer 2016

Current Position

POLYTECH High School, POLYTECH School District
Reading Specialist and English Teacher

Wilmington University, Adjunct Instructor

DDOE Summer Project

Articulating Delaware's Vision for Professional Learning
Summer Sponsor: Theresa Bennett (Teaching & Learning)

Honors and Awards

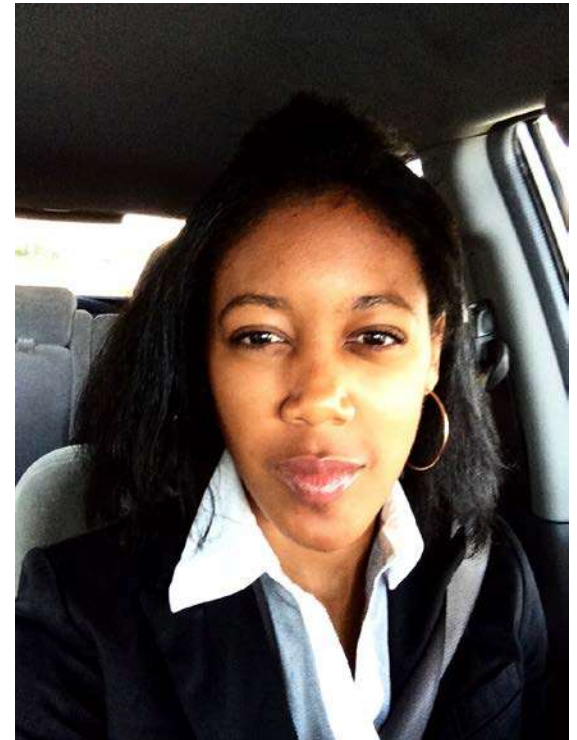
Former Yale National Initiative (YNI) Fellow
University of Delaware Certificate of Distinction

Teacher Leadership

DDOE Common Ground for the Common Core
DDOE Literacy Cadre

College and Degree

University of Delaware – Doctor of Education, Education Leadership (*in progress*)
Wilmington University – Master of Education, Reading Education
University of Delaware – Bachelor of Science, Elementary Teacher Education



Thomas Dean

Educators as Catalysts, Summer 2016

Current Position

Mount Pleasant High School, Brandywine School District
Music/CTE (STEAM) Teacher

DDOE Summer Project

Open Educational Resource Sharing in Schoology
Summer Sponsor: Wayne Hartschuh (Teaching & Learning)

Honors and Awards

2014 Brandywine School District Teacher of the Year
Presenter for multiple National Association for Music Education and DDOE
Conferences and Meetings

Teacher Leadership

DDOE Schoology Champions Cadre
DDOE Visual and Performing Arts Curriculum Commission Member
National Coalition for Core Arts Standards – Music Writing Team
Committee Member
Mount Pleasant High School Department Chair – Fine Arts
Former Measure B Arts Assessment Writer & Reviewer for DPAS-II

College and Degree

West Chester University – Master of Music, Music Education
West Chester State College – Bachelor of Science, Music Education



Wendy Muth

Educators as Catalysts, Summer 2016

Current Position

Brookside Elementary and Bayard Intermediate Schools, Christina School District
Art Teacher, Grades K-5

DDOE Summer Project

DDOE Secretary's Office Communications
Summer Sponsor: Alison May (Office of the Secretary)

Honors and Awards

2015 Brookside Elementary School Teacher of the Year

Teacher Leadership

New Teacher Mentor
District Art Show Coordinator for Christina School District
Former Whole Child Committee Member
Former Delaware Teachers Institute Fellow

College and Degree

Wilmington University – Master of Education, Teaching and Learning
Kutztown University – Bachelor of Science, Art Education



Current Undergraduate or Graduate Students and Recent Graduates
June 1st – August 11th 2016

DELAWARE FUTURE EDUCATION LEADERS PROGRAM



Allison Joswick

Delaware Future Education Leaders Program, Summer 2016

College and Degree

Wilmington University – Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education (*In Progress*)

Delaware Technical Community College – Associate of Arts in Teaching Education, Elementary Education

DDOE Summer Project

Policy Scan and Recommendations for Year-Long Teacher Residencies

Summer Sponsor: Shannon Holston (Teacher & Leader Effectiveness)

Prior Work & Leadership Experience

Substitute Teacher for the Woodbridge School District

Assistant Teacher for the Child Development Center at Delaware Technical Community College

Honors and Awards

Dean's List

President's List



Amanda Rees

Delaware Future Education Leaders Program, Summer 2016

College and Degree

Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP)– Bachelor of Science in Middle Level Education (grades 4-8) with a specialization in Mathematics

DDOE Summer Project

Common Core Math Analysis and Supports for English Language Learners
Summer Sponsor: Maria Paxson (Teaching & Learning)

Prior Work & Leadership Experience

Mathematics and Literacy Tutor, in Indiana, Pennsylvania, for Elementary and Middle School students
4th/ 5th Grade Mathematics placements in Indiana area schools

Honors and Awards

Invited presenter for International Scholars, IUP
Provost Scholar at Indiana University of Pennsylvania



Elizabeth Trachtman

Delaware Future Education Leaders Program, Summer 2016

College and Degree

University of South Carolina – Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and History (*in progress*)

DDOE Summer Project

Establishing Program Standards and Processes

Summer Sponsor: Shannon Holston (Teacher & Leader Effectiveness)

Prior Work & Leadership Experience

South Carolina Department of Education Intern

Muscular Dystrophy Association Volunteer/ Intern



Haley Clayton Moyer

Delaware Future Education Leaders Program, Summer 2016

College and Degree

Delaware State University – Bachelor of Arts,
English Education (*in progress*)

DDOE Summer Project

Website Development for Higher Education
Approval

Summer Sponsor: Wendy Modzelewski
(Teacher & Leader Effectiveness)

Prior Work & Leadership Experience

Writing Consultant, Delaware State University

Honors and Awards

Inspire Scholar, Community Service Award



Jalisha Braxton

Delaware Future Education Leaders Program, Summer 2016

College and Degree

Princeton University – Bachelor of Arts in
Psychology, certificate in Neuroscience

DDOE Summer Project

Teacher & Leader Effectiveness Data Analytics
Summer Sponsor: Shanna Ricketts (Teacher &
Leader Effectiveness)

Prior Work & Leadership Experience

Princeton University
Psychology Lab Research Assistant

Honors and Awards

Institute of Education Sciences Fellow
Sigma Xi Honors Society Member



Julia Murphy

Delaware Future Education Leaders Program, Summer 2016

College and Degree

Boston College– Bachelors (*in progress*)

DDOE Summer Project

Online Learning Library for Higher Education

Summer Sponsor: Jennifer Davis (Teaching & Learning)

Prior Work & Leadership Experience

University of Delaware Center for Disability Studies

Disability Panelist

University of Delaware College of Health Sciences

“Diabetes Kamp for Kids” Lead Councilor

Honors and Awards

Boston College First Honors Deans List

Professional Association in Education Prospective-Educator Award

Prudential Spirit of Community Award

Jefferson Award for Community Service



Lars Jensen

Delaware Future Education Leaders Program, Summer 2016

College and Degree

University of Delaware – Bachelor of
Science, Chemistry, Urban Education
Minor

DDOE Summer Project

Education Funding Research and Analysis
Summer Sponsor: David Blowman (Financial
Management and Operations)

Prior Work & Leadership Experience

University of Delaware Chemistry Workshop
Coordinator

Honors and Awards

University of Delaware ARTC Candidate



Pialee Roy

Delaware Future Education Leaders Program, Summer 2016

College and Degree

University of Delaware - Doctorate of Philosophy, Urban Affairs and Public Policy (*in progress*)

Tufts University – Master of Arts, Child Development and Public Policy

University of Delaware – Bachelor of Science, Human Development

University of Delaware – Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

DDOE Summer Project

Innovative Approaches in Early Learning Workforce

Compensation and Retention

Summer Sponsor: Carmen Gallagher (Office of Early Learning)



Prior Work & Leadership Experience

Tufts University – Research Assistant conducting evaluation of a home visit program for young parents

Harvard University – English language assessor studying bilingual Spanish speaking students in Head Start programs in Massachusetts

Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care – Research Assistant/Intern conducting evaluation of statewide community profiles of supply, demand, and quality of early education programs

Zoe Callaway

Delaware Future Education Leaders Program, Summer 2016

College and Degree

University of Delaware – Bachelor Degree,
History Education (*in progress*)

DDOE Summer Project

Blended Learning Training for DDOE Alternate
Work Schedule and Telecommuting Policies
Summer Sponsor: Jeanette Hammon (Human
Resources)

Prior Work & Leadership Experience

Heritage Shores: Server
Visiting Angels: CNA

Honors and Awards

Gregory Baker R 83 Scholarship
Deans List 2013-Present
Phi Alpha Theta
SEED Scholarship
Kick Butts Generation Scholarship



Zoe Collins

Delaware Future Education Leaders Program, Summer 2016

College and Degree

University of Delaware – Bachelor of Arts, English Education (*in progress*)

DDOE Summer Project

Analyzing Arts Education Standards
Summer Sponsor: Deb Hansen (Teaching & Learning)

Prior Work & Leadership Experience

University of Delaware Multimedia Design Center- Student Assistant

Honors and Awards

Participant of Delaware Girls State, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and Governor's School for Excellence



National Education Leadership Fellowship for Exceptional Professionals
10 Weeks, June – August 2016

EDUCATION PIONEERS



Anne Matthews

Education Pioneers, Summer 2016

DDOE Summer Project

Superintendent/School Leader Evaluation Fellow
Summer Sponsor: Kelley Brake (Teacher & Leader Effectiveness)

Prior Work Experience

GSEHD Research Lab Graduate Assistant for George Washington University
District Curriculum Support Specialist and Secondary Mathematics Teacher for Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Honors and Awards

Dade County Council of Mathematics Teacher of the Year, 2009
Rookie Teacher of the Year, 2009

College and Degree

George Washington University – Doctorate of Education, Education Administration and Policy Studies (*in progress*)
Florida International University – Master of Arts in Teachers, Mathematics, Grades 6-12



Terresa Dawson

Education Pioneers, Summer 2016

DDOE Summer Project

Charter School Office Project Support
Summer Sponsor: David Blowman (Financial
Management & Operations)

Prior Work Experience

Middle-Level Math Educator in the Greater
Philadelphia Region

Honors and Awards

2014 Global Leadership Academy Teacher of the Year
Keystone Global Scholar

College and Degree

Saint Joseph's University – Doctorate of Education,
Education Leadership (*in progress*)
Neumann University – Master of Education,
Instructional Leadership
Cheyney University – Bachelor of Science,
Elementary Education



Violet Wanta

Education Pioneers, Summer 2016

SBOE Summer Project

Policy Audit

Summer Sponsor: Donna Johnson (State Board of Education)

Prior Work Experience

Research Assistant for New York University,
Department of Sociology

Youth Development Consultant for Self-Employed
Women's Association, New Delhi

Honors and Awards

Phi Beta Kappa

College and Degree

Teacher's College: Columbia University – Master of
Arts, Politics and Education (*in progress*)

University of Chicago – Bachelor of Arts, Comparative
Human Development

