



Petersburg City
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Bianca Lampley named Petersburg City Public Schools 2023 Division Teacher of the Year

Petersburg, VA – Wednesday, March 1st, at the Petersburg City Public Schools board meeting, Bianca Lampley, a 7th Grade History Teacher at Vernon Johns Middle School, was recognized for being chosen as the Division Teacher of the Year. Ms. Lampley identifies herself as the hashtag [#TheRappinTeacher](#) and raps in class. She uses rap music as a platform to connect and engage with her students through the music they listen to. She also describes the importance she places on the home-school connection by using various types of mobile technology to provide access for parents to easily be able to see and participate in what their child is doing in her classroom.

"We are so proud of Ms. Lampley. Her enthusiasm for the use of manipulatives and technology is extensive and creative, which encourages students to make real-life connections to history. Because of her genuine and obvious love of her content, many students voluntarily stay in class during lunch and after school with Ms. Lampley and continue their lessons. Students initiate real-life discussions with Ms. Lampley during these sessions because of the rapport she has built with them," said Ms. Lampley's Principal, Ms. Green.

"I'm so proud to represent Petersburg City Public Schools division in the state level of the teacher of the year competition. Teaching is a passion of mine. I light up when I talk about it, and I'm just so thankful to be recognized for what I do in the classroom with my students," said Bianca Lampley.

"Ms. Lampley has shown exemplary leadership abilities throughout her time as a teacher, and her commitment to excellence in education is obvious to those students who have had the

pleasure of sitting in her classroom. We're rooting for her as she continues her journey at the regional level," said Superintendent Dr. Sterling.

Ms. Lampley will represent PCPS as she competes for Regional Teacher of the Year.



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