

Donyale McGhee's Biography

I currently hold a Professional Teaching Certificate in the Subject Area of General Science Secondary Level. I earned a Bachelor degree of Science in Criminal Justice with a minor in Social Work from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and am a candidate for a Masters of Science in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University in the spring of 2006.

I received a full Basketball Scholarship for four years from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. While attending Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, I excelled in both academics and athletics. I had the unique opportunity to be apart of the Women's Basketball program and maintained my Athletic Scholarship throughout my four years at the University. My achievements have placed me as an inductee to the Basketball Hall of Fame which was conducted on September 2, 2005.

I've had the unique opportunity to inspire and educated Somerset students since September 2000. During the last five years some of my key successes were Club Sponsor for the school's first Science Club where the students participated in a number of environmental projects. I have participated in leadership experiences and administrative developmental program. I was also recognized nationwide in the Who's Who of teachers in the United States for the 2004-2005 School Year. I've participated on the Curriculum Counsel Advisory Board and have served as Department Chair for the Science department. I also have my Clinical Educators License for staff development in Peer Coaching and Mentoring in which I've done for the last two years at Somerset Academy.

My educational philosophy is that teaching for me was a co-operative venture in which both teacher and student are learners. The teacher represents the experienced learner and the student as the apprentice learner. My highest goal when I was a science educator was not to create scientists, but to motivate scientific thought. Most of my students may not become career scientists. However, all students can potentially improve their lives by using the skills of logic and reasoning to help them face the myriad of challenges and decisions that we call 'life'. I believe that a teacher should strive to be something they will one day want their students to achieve. I believe that our students at Somerset Academy need encouragement and motivation to become the well-rounded people that will help them excel not only in school but in life. If students are motivated to learn, they will achieve goals set in front of them. " Students learn from what they see. I will be what they see, the example from which they learn. "

