

EDUCATION

Special Education: University of Georgia

Bachelor of Music/Performance: Five Towns College: Long Island, New York

Associated Degree: Suny Farmingdale, Long Island, New York

TEACHING BACKGROUND

- I have been teaching for 19 years in Cobb County.
- I have been at Smyrna Elementary for 4 years.
- My children attended King Springs Elementary, and I began there as a volunteer, substitute teacher, supply (Long term sub) and then a paraprofessional for a few years. I decided to become certified as a teacher and worked at King Springs as a fourth-grade teacher for my entire time there.
- I worked at Campbell Middle where I worked as a Special Education teacher
- I worked at Milford Elementary School as a Gifted teacher.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION ETC

- February 2021 GAGC (Georgia Association for Gifted Children) Gifted Teacher of the Year
- 2020-2021 Smyrna Elementary Teacher of the Year
- March 2017 runner up for Milford Elementary teacher of the year
- October 2014 NAGC (national association gifted children) Javits Frasier Gifted Teacher award for Diverse Talent Development <http://cobbcast.cobbk12.org/?p=7128>)
- May 2009 runner up King Springs teacher of the year
- May 2007 nominated for Campbell Middle School teacher of the year

CURRENT ORGANIZATIONS / things I most recently completed (Not in any particular order)

- April 2021 - TED Masterclass for Edu program: Was selected by the state DOE to record Ted Talk video for educators to view across the country
- March 2021 - GIFT: Fellowship Award through Georgia Tech: I will be working to write curriculum for Georgia Tech that will be shared with schools nationally
- January 2021 - selected by state to write curriculum for GPB T.V - for a Georgia Learn Television /Internet series
- February 2021 - Presented at GAGC Gifted Conference for the Inventure prize (Georgia Tech) curriculum
- Feb 2021-Apr 2021 - Currently providing professional development at Smyrna Elementary. Using children's picture books to teach equity and inclusion in the classroom.
- June 2020-2021 - Nominated by the DOE and won the position as a board member for GCSS (Georgia Council for Social Studies) I will serve as the liaison between the board and the elementary schools in Cobb County
- September 2020-Current - Member of GAGC'S (Georgia's Association of Gifted Children) Coalition for Access and Equity
- October 2020 - presented at GCSS (Georgia Council for Social Studies) on Read aloud books that promote social justice.

- April 2020 - Contracted by the High Museum of Art and The Eric Carle Museum to write Social Studies curriculum for grades K-5 to support their new exhibit called: "Picture the Dream" using children's picture books to discuss social issues in the classroom.
- 2020 & 2021 – JUNE - Assistant Director of SEA (Summer Enrichment Academy) Camp: Created and co-wrote a digital version of CCSD Summer Enrichment Academy. The VSEA (<https://mtbetheltarget.wixsite.com/vsea2020>) website will provide a virtual enrichment experience.
- September 2020 - Presented Pre-planning for ALP department on the importance of using culturally diverse literature in the classroom
- 2018-current - NAGC (National Association Gifted Children) Applicant Review Member for the Javits Frasier Scholarships
- 2018 - Selected by the Ga DOE to record a series of instructional teaching videos for Georgia Public Broadcasting
- 2005-2021- Presenter at GCSS (Georgia Council for Social Studies) conferences

BASIC FAMILY INFO

We have lived in Smyrna for 22 years

I am married to Chris Rogers. He is a throws coach with the organization "Throw One Deep." He works with Elementary and High School students to help them earn athletic scholarships for college. He has coached multiple state, national, and world champions in throwing (shot put, hammer, discus, javelin)

I have two children: Zhane' Rogers who is working at Northside Hospital. She attended Columbus State University where she earned a Physical Science Degree and Chamberlain School of Nursing.

Isaiah Rogers (my son) is a thrower at Virginia Tech and graduates May 14th with a Psychology Degree. He plans to continue his education and eventually work as a sports psychologist to athletes. He also aspires to attend the Olympics, a goal that he has been working on since 7 years old. He is a thrower (Shot put, and hammer)

HOBBIES/INTERESTS:

I love to act and sing. I have done numerous plays in New York as well as here in Atlanta. I LOVE anything that has to do with creativity. I would say that creativity is my strength, taking something ordinary and making it extraordinary! I love working on my Circuit craft machine, embroidery machine, gardening, and coming up with new and creative ways to make my classroom exciting for the students. I TRULY love my job; nothing makes me happier. Teaching also allows me to act and sing, I am able to put on performances for my students, daily. I enjoy the students, parents, and my co-workers. The administration at Smyrna Elementary is so supportive. The quote by Mark Twain sums up how I feel about my role as a teacher "Find a job that you enjoy doing and you will never work a day in your life."