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## **ATLAS Program Overview**

The gifted and talented represent a group of students whose learning style and thinking dimensions' demand experiences outside of the educational mainstream. Long-range goals for this program include the development of self-actualization for the highly able young person and the development of a sense of responsibility to self, school, and society.

The Mount Vernon Academies of Talent, Leadership, and Scholars (ATLAS) Program provides a variety of research-based services that give identified students the opportunity to address their unique needs. This includes curriculum that promotes higher-order thinking such as inquiry skills, problem solving, and creative thinking. In addition, development of self-direction, risk-taking, curiosity, imagination and interpersonal relations are emphasized. The program framework allows for individual projects and peer-group interaction in alignment with 21st century skills.



**Dr. Gayle White-Wallace**  
*ATLAS Director*



**Ms. Sheena Bell**  
*ATLAS Administrative Assistant*



**Dr. Evelyn Collins**  
*ATLAS Program Founder*



*Lisa Ven Gemert*

It can be easy to ignore the very real needs of gifted children, but Mount Vernon has devoted resources and time to making sure teachers have the tools they need to provide an opportunity for all students to grow. The teachers have brought their whole hearts to the training they've been offered, and they have true passion for serving the children of the school district. Our work with the Depth and Complexity framework, as well as other areas of creativity and curriculum, has made it more likely that students attending Mount Vernon schools will find what they need there.

# A.T.L.A.S. Staff

## *Ms. Chinsha Chance*

Chinsha Chance is an experienced educator who works with the ATLAS Gifted & Talented students to foster academic achievement, nurture creative exploration, and promote positive social-emotional growth. Currently, she holds a Master's of Science in Education and a NYS Certification in Special Education. Chance began her tenure helping children with special needs within the NYS Department of Health Early Intervention program and co-teaching in inclusion classrooms. She uses these personal and professional experiences to cultivate academic curiosity, encourage tenacity, and inspire leadership. Since 2015, Chance has taken great joy in assisting with the implementation of the MVCSD ATLAS Gifted & Talented program. She also enjoys event planning, interior design, culinary arts, community service, and traveling. As a consummate professional, she believes in fairness, civility, integrity, and hard work.

### **What do you love about teaching ATLAS?**

ATLAS creates many rewarding moments throughout the day. For me, the most fulfilling is to be present in the moment that potential is unlocked, and inspiration is born. In these moments, the building blocks of life-long learners are forged.



### **Schools Serviced:**

Cecil H. Parker, Columbus, Denzel Washington School of the Arts, Lincoln, Nelson Mandela / Dr. Hosea Zollicoffer, Pennington, Rebecca Turner

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## *Ms. Rachel Frederick*

I have been honored to serve as Pennington's ATLAS teacher since 2015. I hold several educational degrees and certificates including Early Childhood, Childhood, Literacy, and Gifted Education. I am a mother to 3, a nature lover, an arts appreciator, and a perpetually curious student of life.

### **What do you love about teaching ATLAS?**

I **LOVE** teaching ATLAS for so many reasons. I love to hear the imaginative ideas shared by these young learners, I love how they are always ready to think deeper, I love their eagerness to learn about something new, I love to help support them through their fantastical ideas, I love to facilitate social development and collaboration, I love how we can spend as much or as little time on a topic as needed, I love how hands-on and project based we are, I love how the arts are incorporated in everything we do, and I love the interdisciplinary curriculum that feels authentic and fresh each year as each new group of students explores it in their own ways. Oh! Most especially, I love being able to grow alongside my students and facilitate their educational growth from 3rd grade until they graduate from elementary school.



*Pictured in the photo to the left is myself between 2 former Pennington students (since graduated) dissecting a sardine and looking for the spinal cord behind the spine! Photo credit to the ever-talented Ms. Chinsha Chance*

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# A.T.L.A.S. Staff

*Ms. Stefanie Falk*

I have been teaching Gifted and Talented at the Mount Vernon City School District since the start of the ATLAS program in 2015. I have a degree in Cultural Anthropology and use this as a foundation for all that I do. I am certified in Gifted Education, Early Childhood, Childhood Education, Students with Disabilities and hold my administrative degree.

## **What do you love about teaching ATLAS?**

I love helping students with self-expression and supporting them in building skills that they will be able to use as lifelong learners.



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*Ms. Taryn Marisa Hill*

My career as an educator spans over 3 decades, 25 years in the Mount Vernon City School District. My passions have always revolved around children, teaching and the arts.

## **What do you love about teaching ATLAS?**

I love creating **fun** ways for scholars to **learn** new concepts. Making a difference in the lives of my students is one of my goals.



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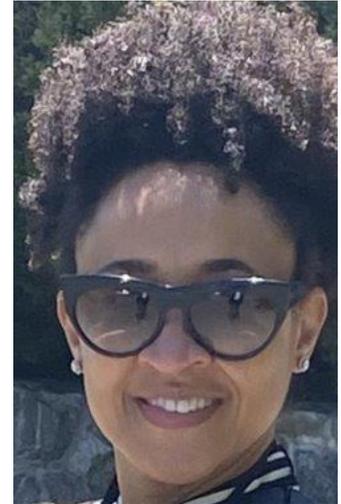
# A.T.L.A.S. Staff

*Ms. Allison Runcie-Smith*

## **What do you love about teaching ATLAS?**

It is very satisfying being able to engage my students in experiences based on their varied interests and perspectives. ATLAS gives me the unique opportunity to ignite curiosity and critical thinking in young learners and guide them in finding answers to those “WHY” questions. Watching my students' enthusiasm as they explore, grow, and self-actualize is equally gratifying and contagious.

As an educator of 30 years, being part of ATLAS for the last four has been a highlight of my career. The reciprocity of thoughts and ideas allow both my students and me to continuously consider new ways of thinking, doing, and creating. When I'm not teaching, I enjoy travelling, reading, and a good game of Scrabble.



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*Ms. Makenzie Rodgers*

I have spent the past 6 years as an ATLAS teacher in Mt. Vernon. Prior to that I spent 20 years in Early Childhood. I have always been passionate about education, the arts and advocating for children and families.

## **What do you love about teaching ATLAS?**

I love the creativity and flexibility this program provides. It allows us to dig deeper, learn about students interests and passions and tailor curriculum around that.



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# A.T.L.A.S. Staff

*Ms. Karen Wheeler*

As an educator with twenty-two years in teaching grades K-7th, the Atlas program has provided me the opportunity to put my various experiences to work. I hold a degree in Human Development, Teacher Education, School Administration and an Advance Certificate in Gifted Education. When I'm not teaching, I enjoy photography, museums, and learning to create anything new.

## **What do you love about teaching ATLAS?**

What I love most about Atlas is going on the discovery journey with my students. They are such unique and original thinkers. Helping students to explore new ideas and concepts and to delve deeper into current areas of interest, then to watch them come into their own, well there is nothing like it. In addition, I love the relationships that are built with students which continues past the time they graduate from Atlas.



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# Columbus School

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**Ms. Stefanie Falk**  
*ATLAS Teacher*





*Khole Bodely*

**GRADE 3**



*Justin Cardenas*

**GRADE 3**



*Gabriel Hunt*

**GRADE 3**



*Charlie Lobo*

**GRADE 3**



*Nathan Campbell*

**GRADE 4**



*Gabriel DeNoraes*

**GRADE 4**



*Luka DeOlivera*

**GRADE 4**



*Carlos  
Murillo Ganes*

**GRADE 4**



*Maximus Ruiz*

**GRADE 4**



*Kevin  
Vaquero Romero*

**GRADE 4**





*Miracle Walker*

**GRADE 4**



*Aaron Zheng*

**GRADE 4**



*Rashanette Dorman*

**GRADE 5**



*Joel Mendoza*

**GRADE 5**



*Gisela Silva*

**GRADE 5**



*Skyllar  
Jones Stewart*

**GRADE 6**



*Alfredo Young*

**GRADE 6**





# Graham School

**Dr. Natasha Hunter-McGregor**  
*Principal*

**Mr. Mark Raimondi**  
*Assistant Principal*

**Makenzie Rodgers**  
*ATLAS Teacher*





*Kaylee Bowie*

**GRADE 4**



*Lily Cudjoe*

**GRADE 4**



*Azeria Val*

**GRADE 4**



*Chelsea Changor*

**GRADE 5**



*Melody Mercedes*

**GRADE 5**







*Dash Dupree*

**GRADE 3**



*Giselle Torres*

**GRADE 3**



*Austin Caiafas*

**GRADE 4**



*Elijah Smalling*

**GRADE 4**



*Ter-Roy Forsythe*

**GRADE 5**



*Esther Forson*

**GRADE 6**



*Bryan Almontes*

**GRADE 7**



The Still Life Photography class was my most memorable experience in ATLAS. I loved this class because I got to be creative and develop my own scene and photograph it.

My time in ATLAS has inspired me to improve my behavior. I used to curse a lot, but the ATLAS teachers were kind and patient, and taught me to change my behavior. Especially, Ms. Makenzie, she was always very nice to me. She taught me new things and encouraged me when I told her that I wanted to become an artist, photographer, or a game developer because of the different activities that we did in class.

My favorite part of ATLAS is the fun activities that we do each year. I also liked the snacks and the movies we watched for our filmmaking lesson. I will miss ATLAS a lot.

On my educational journey, I will take with me all the experiences that I learned in ATLAS photography class. Making creative photos in class was a fun experience that I will never forget. I will miss ATLAS very much.





*Kylee Hernandez*

**GRADE 3**



*Elias Miranda*

**GRADE 3**



*Amari Simms*

**GRADE 3**



*Roxie Green*

**GRADE 4**



*Ayden McIntosh*

**GRADE 4**



*Madison Outridge*

**GRADE 4**



*Matias Vasquez*

**GRADE 4**



*Gashiro Vasquez*

**GRADE 4**



*Jaimy Moran Lucero*

**GRADE 5**



*Ryan Espinal Placencia*

**GRADE 5**





*Aiden Buret*

**GRADE 6**



*Myranda Mendoza*

**GRADE 6**



*Miguel Sarmiento*

**GRADE 6**



*Xavier Martin*

**GRADE 7**



My most memorable experience in ATLAS was when we went on a field trip to the Greenburg Nature Center. I had the opportunity to see all types of animals.

My time in ATLAS has inspired me as a learner in many ways. It showed me how to explore new things and I learned to appreciate them for what they are.

The best part of ATLAS was learning new things and meeting new people.

I will take the knowledge and drive that I've gained in ATLAS, and use it to continue learning and appreciating new things. I think this will make me happy and help me to find bigger and better things.



*Jesus Valerio Vargas*

**GRADE 7**



My most memorable experience in ATLAS was the time that I went on a field trip to the planetarium. This was a memorable experience because it was one of the first field trips that I had ever been on, and it was very interesting and fun. We also went on a field trip to the Greenburg Nature Center where I got to touch lizards and other unique animals.

My time in ATLAS has inspired me as a learner by pushing me to make logical decisions in many of my classes. I must stay very focused in several of my classes and being in ATLAS helped me to learn this skill.

For me, meeting new friends and reducing my stress levels was the best part of ATLAS. Mostly, I loved that the class was an hour-long. It gave us a lot of time to explore. Truth be told, I really loved taking this class and I will never have regrets about taking it.

On my educational journey, I will take with me the ability to be creative. I believe this skill is essential and I will hold it most dearly throughout my days. In life, I truly believe that this skill will help me on my journey to success.



# Lincoln School

**Ms. Rebecca Jones**  
*Principal*

**Mr. Cletus Witte**  
*Assistant Principal*

**Ms. Allison Runcie-Smith**  
**Ms. Karen Wheeler**  
*ATLAS Teachers*





*Christopher Bonilla Allende*

**GRADE 3**



*Julie Borges*

**GRADE 3**



*Sarah Carvalho*

**GRADE 3**



*Eloah Clementino*

**GRADE 3**



*Thiago Dalgado*

**GRADE 3**



*Matthew Fajardo*

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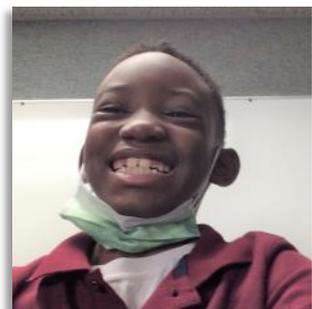
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*Ethan Headen*

**GRADE 3**



*Jonathan Hibbert*

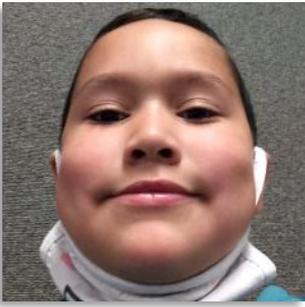
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*Tatianna Mohammed*

**GRADE 3**





*Michael Nungia*

**GRADE 3**



*Gwendolyn Carr*

**GRADE 4**



*Nathaniel Colquhoun Ramirez*

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*Amirah Goloko*

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*Leah Higgins*

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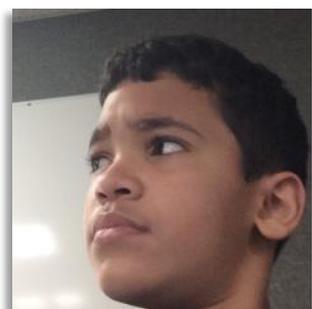
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**GRADE 4**



*Khadijatou Jaiteh*

**GRADE 4**



*Joao Lopez Machado*

**GRADE 4**



*Diana Vasconcelos*

**GRADE 4**





*Keegan White*

GRADE 4



*Peyton Young*

GRADE 4



*Nassan James*

GRADE 5



*Bianca Santos*

GRADE 5



*Ayden Willis*

GRADE 5



*Axel Barrios*



*Nathan Borges*



*Dillan Carrington*

GRADE 6



*Alana Diggs*

GRADE 6





*Adam Accredo*

**GRADE 7**



My most memorable experience in ATLAS was the skeletal system project where we created x-ray hand replicas. We also increased our technology skills by learning how to use software, such as PowerPoint.

My time in ATLAS inspired me as a learner because it made me feel special. I learned about myself and giftedness.

Learning a variety of unique things is the best part of ATLAS. This year, my favorite part was learning to make films and creating backdrops. People are surprised when I tell them about the interesting and different things that we do in

ATLAS.

The aspects of ATLAS that I will take with me on my educational journey are the ideas, concepts, and practical skills that I've learned. I will be able to apply these skills in other subjects.



*Emma Bento*

**GRADE 7**



My most memorable experience during my time in ATLAS was when our group had started planting and growing flowers. In ATLAS we have many hands-on experiences but this one was definitely my favorite.

My time in ATLAS has inspired me as a learner by teaching me to manage my time properly. ATLAS has also helped me to take a deeper look when it comes to new topics and experiences. ATLAS has showed me how to open up and approach learning things in various ways.

The best part of ATLAS is being able to interact with others

and cover various topics. We have covered topics ranging from life forms all the way to photography. We also have great discussions about how everyone sees things differently.

The aspect of ATLAS that I will continue to take on my educational journey would be the hobbies and skills I have learned while in this program. These skills have and will continue to help me expand my learning abilities and achieve my goals. They can also help me expand the social aspect of my life.



*Alexander Campos*

**GRADE 7**



My most memorable experience in the ATLAS program was, without a doubt, making a film. This year, we made films honoring women and the experience has been amazing!

My time in ATLAS has inspired me to learn about things that I was never interested in. It made me want to learn about photography and lighting. Without these experiences, I would have never been interested in any of these things. Now, I'm excited to learn more.

The best part of ATLAS is the experiences it gives you. In ATLAS you get so many more opportunities to do things you would have never done otherwise.

The aspect of ATLAS I will take on my educational journey is doing things I never would have done otherwise. To me, the experience of exploring new things is the most important aspect of ATLAS. Other kids don't get the chance to make films but in ATLAS I can. It allows you to do things that you don't normally have the opportunity to do.



*Khloe Iyamu*

**GRADE 7**



My most memorable experience in ATLAS was learning to make my own camera. My time in ATLAS has inspired me to build and create things with my hands. In ATLAS, I discovered that I enjoy designing three-dimensional objects.

Learning to design and build is the biggest aspect of ATLAS that I will take with me on my educational journey. I will also carry with me the skill of communication and ask for help when I need it.



*Marco Ferreira*

GRADE 7



All the ATLAS experiences were very memorable. There isn't a singular experience that was most memorable, but rather a collection of experiences gained through the group projects that we did.

My time in ATLAS has inspired me to be more creative. I have developed a large sense of creativity in ATLAS that I would not have otherwise. The projects and critical thinking that is necessary for ATLAS, requires a level of creativity that you would not have unlocked anywhere else.

Most students would say that the trips and projects were the best part of ATLAS, but for me it was our teacher Ms. Wheeler. Ms. Wheeler's words have stuck with me throughout ATLAS. Although the trips to the museums and various nature centers were nice, they won't last as long as the words imparted by Ms. Wheeler. Her words have carried me through ATLAS and will continue to positively impact my life afterwards.

I will take Ms. Wheeler's wise words with me on my educational journey. Not only her words, but also the experiences from the ATLAS group and solo projects that I created. I will remember the pride I took in creating them and the content I learned from completing them.



*Briscilla Santillan*

GRADE 7



All my memories in ATLAS are memorable but some of the best were the fun field trips and new experiences that we got to share together as a group. Every time we gathered for ATLAS, it was very exciting to think about the new things we were going to do and learn.

My time in ATLAS has inspired me to be an over-achiever and reach for the stars. It helped me mature as a person and learn more about myself and about others.

The best part about ATLAS is the people and the experiences you get to share. The teachers are amazing and understanding! You also get to have fun with your friends while learning something new. ATLAS takes you on field trips and gives you the opportunity to work with your hands. I think the hands-on projects helped me to learn more.

I will always remember ATLAS throughout the rest of my educational journey. I will remember the many things ATLAS taught me, how it made learning fun, and how it made me want to succeed and never give up.



*Gianna Shaw*

GRADE 7



My most memorable experience in ATLAS was visiting the Greenburgh Nature Center. It was a fun experience for all of us. We learned much about many unique and beautiful animals within the center.

ATLAS has inspired me to learn more about the things around me. It has taught me to ask many questions about the things I'm interested in, while also practicing the topic myself and absorbing as much information as possible.

The best part about ATLAS is when we can all work together to make something great! This bonds many of us and it's amazing to see something that we put much work in finally become whole.

One of the aspects of ATLAS that I will take with me on my educational journey is the freedom to be curious and ask questions in order to gain information to help myself grow.



*John-Adam  
Witherspoon*

**GRADE 7**



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# Nelson Mandela / Dr. Hosea Zollicoffer School

**Mr. Michael Vicario**  
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**Dr. Melissa White**  
*Assistant Principal*





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Stapleton*

**GRADE 3**



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*Tracy Drozco  
Ambrocio*

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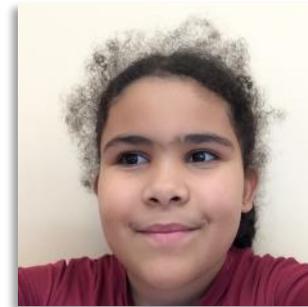
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**GRADE 3**



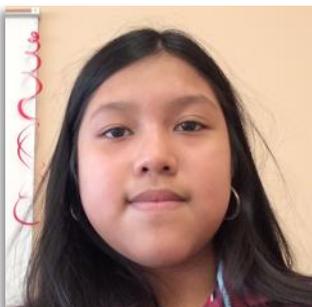
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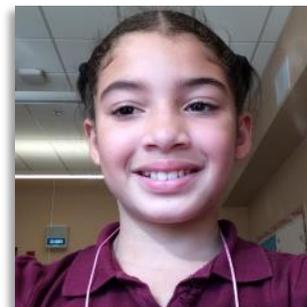
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*Selena Garcia  
Cruz*

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*Amelia Gonzalez*

**GRADE 4**



*Afasha Lee  
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*Victoria Machado*

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*Oscar Sotero*

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*Fernando Galvez*

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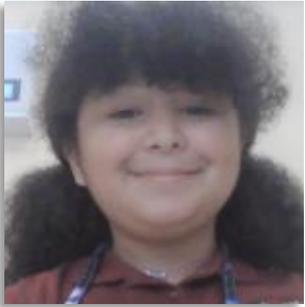
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Martinez*

**GRADE 5**



*Hailey Noonah*

**GRADE 6**



*Sixela Pacheco*

**GRADE 6**





*Nichale Afosa*

**GRADE 7**



My most memorable experience in ATLAS is going to the Museum of Natural History and seeing different exhibits. The Egyptian exhibit was my favorite.

ATLAS has inspired me to open up to people more, connect and to think outside of the box

The best part about ATLAS is that we are able to learn about things that we would not normally have the opportunity to learn.

I will remember to make sure to take an outside the box approach to life on my educational journey.



*Haylee Stridiron*

**GRADE 7**



My most memorable experience in ATLAS was the field trips to the museums.

My time in ATLAS has inspired me as a learner by continuing to learn about many things like world history and different cultures.

The best part of ATLAS was the projects that we did.

One aspect of ATLAS I will take with me on my educational journey is to be curious and learn about new topics. Learning new topics can teach you a lot.



*Wilson Suarez Holguin*

**GRADE 7**



The field trip to the Museum of Natural History was the most memorable experience in ATLAS.

ATLAS has taught me many things about the history of the world.

The best part of ATLAS is the teachers. The ATLAS teachers are the most fun to be around.

On my educational journey, I am going to take the experience and knowledge that I gained from the ATLAS field trips.





*Stellar Lloyd*

**GRADE 3**



*Samira Adam*

**GRADE 4**



*Jordan Fleary*

**GRADE 4**



*Caleb Groom*

**GRADE 4**



*Genesis Taylor*

**GRADE 4**



*Kayla Tran*

**GRADE 4**





# Pennington School

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**Ms. Francia Mendoza**  
*Assistant Principal*

**Ms. Rachel Frederick**  
*ATLAS Teacher*





*Alim Allah*

**GRADE 3**



*Noah Clarke*

**GRADE 3**



*Kyra Davis*

**GRADE 3**



*Joshua DeAndrade*

**GRADE 3**



*Adam Ettanifhy*

**GRADE 3**



*Bryson Golding*

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*Joel Kamara*

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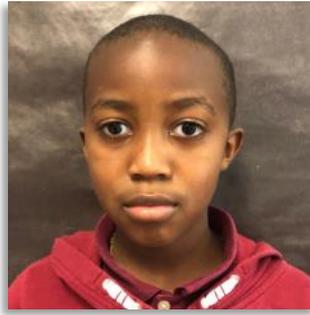
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*Aiden Mann*

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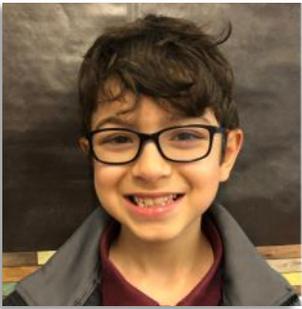
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*Nyla Bailey*

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*Althea Barber*

**GRADE 4**



*Eliza Baxendale*

**GRADE 4**





*Elina Dusha*

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*Matthew Hernandez*

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*Aryanna Magno*

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*Chelsea Nelson*

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*McKenzie Pierre*

**GRADE 4**



*Kenneth Sotelo*

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*Stephen Ahiamadi*

**GRADE 5**



*Madison  
Anderson Palmer*

**GRADE 5**



*Jolie Browne*

**GRADE 5**



*Kendall Colon  
Aromin*

**GRADE 5**





*Kaili Jackson*

**GRADE 5**



*Chelsea Padilla*

**GRADE 5**



*Stratos Rahaniz*

**GRADE 5**



*Lyla Torres*

**GRADE 5**



*Mariam Abdullah  
Rababah*

**GRADE 6**



*Raffaella Ettanithy*

**GRADE 6**



*Jada Natin*

**GRADE 6**





*Zoe Clarke*  
**GRADE 7**



ATLAS Day was my most memorable experience in ATLAS.

ATLAS inspired me as a learner by advancing my knowledge in STEAM. It also helped me discover more about myself.

The best part of ATLAS is my teacher Ms. Rachel Frederick.

The aspect of ATLAS, that I will take with me on my education journey, is my open mindset.



*Ayanna Douglas*  
**GRADE 7**



Making slime in the 5th grade was my most memorable experience in ATLAS.

My time in ATLAS has inspired me as a learner by teaching me to think outside of the box, use critical thinking, and have a growth mindset.

The best parts of ATLAS are the fun activities and getting to learn new things outside of my other classes. Then using those new things to help me in English and Math.

From ATLAS, I will take critical thinking and my growth mindset with me on my educational journey.



*Adam Farid*  
**GRADE 7**



My most memorable ATLAS experience was the 6th grade ATLAS Day. We conducted fun science experiments, including Oobleck and Elephant Toothpaste.

My time in ATLAS has made me think outside the box and create new ideas. Working with puzzles and playing educational games has thought me to be a critical thinker.

There are many aspects of ATLAS that I enjoy, such as experiments and fun games, but my favorite part of ATLAS is the space it creates. In ATLAS, we can talk about our day

and what troubles us. We can talk to Ms. Rachel about anything we want while learning about science and math.

When I get to 8th grade, I will definitely take the critical thinking part of ATLAS with me. Critical thinking is thinking outside of the box. Critical thinking is taking your common sense and using it to discover different or easier solutions.



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*Xavier Romero*

**GRADE 3**



*Bryce Thorne*

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*Alyssa Anderson*

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*Noah Cobb*

**GRADE 4**



*Naoki Gasu*

**GRADE 4**



*Channer Springs*

**GRADE 4**



*Alana Telford*

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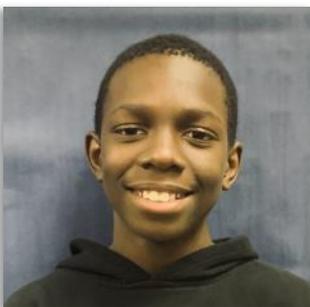
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*Prince Griffiths*

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*Messiah Pinkney*

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*Cayden Reed*

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*Tahir Spencer*

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*Gianna Stanford*

GRADE 6





*Alistair Bell*

GRADE 7



My most memorable time at ATLAS was creating the self-interest collage. I liked it because I was able to showcase my interests and passions. It was also fun to cut out the pictures and see my classmates' interests as well.

My time at ATLAS inspired me as a learner because the lessons exposed me to a variety of skills and talents. I learned many photography techniques, filmmaking, and how to analyze photos. I also enjoyed creating my own story on Storyboard.

The best part of ATLAS was learning more abstract things that can help me in real life like current events. I had good classmates and a great teacher. My ATLAS teacher was patient, creative, and fun! However, I would've preferred more time in ATLAS.

ATLAS helped me to collaborate and communicate. I also enhanced my problem-solving and executive function skills. ATLAS showed me a flexible method of learning. I liked the variety of experiments that we conducted over the past 5 years. I will take all these aspects of ATLAS with me on my educational journey.



*Xavier Griffin*

GRADE 7



My most memorable experience in ATLAS was the trip to the Greenburgh Nature Center in the fourth grade. It was a very fun experience and everyone in ATLAS was on the trip. We learned a lot about animal habitats, adaptations, and specific behaviors of that species.

My time in ATLAS inspired me as a learner by teaching me a variety of learning skills. ATLAS taught me how to think critically, collaborate with my peers, and develop my awareness and compassion as a person.

The best part about ATLAS was when we learned how to analyze photo essays. Photo essays were the most memorable thing I learned because of the deep meaning behind historical photographs. This year taught me just how powerful and impactful pictures can be.

Photography is the aspect of ATLAS that I will take with my educational journey. I chose photography because photos hold a lot of power in the world. Pictures can say a lot of things without speaking. Also, the ability to communicate with my peers and how to work together to accomplish a common goal.



*Tyler LaRue*

GRADE 7



My most memorable experience in ATLAS was being able to create my own animated story using the Storyboard application.

I am inspired by ATLAS in many ways. I like the flexibility and creativity of the classes. I also enjoy learning in small groups. I like the intimate classroom setting and the ability to explore my interests and talents on a personal level.

The best part of ATLAS was going on several field trips and learning about new places, people, and animals. I also really liked the special guests that we were exposed to over the years.

Throughout my educational journey, I will use the problem-solving and collaborative skills that I learned in ATLAS. I enjoy technology and I often use these problem-solving skills to help me with new challenges. I also like working in small groups with my peers.



*Malachi Nugent*

**GRADE 7**



My most memorable experience in ATLAS was exploring historical photos. I enjoyed learning about the stories behind the pictures and the different time periods they came from. I especially liked learning about the people, places, and events while analyzing famous photos.

My time in ATLAS has inspired me as a learner by developing my interest and talents in many different areas. I was introduced to unique ways of exploring my interests.

My ATLAS teacher, Ms. Hill, has taught me many new things that I had never thought about before and wouldn't have the opportunity to learn otherwise. Ms. Hill has expanded my knowledge of the world and developed my self-awareness on many levels.

The aspect of ATLAS I will take on my educational journey is critical thinking and problem-solving skills. I think these skills will help me throughout my educational experiences and will help me to make good choices.



# Benjamin Turner Middle School

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*ATLAS Teacher*



**Benjamin Turner Middle School**  
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*Layla Humphrey*

**GRADE 5**



*Jolene Peters*

**GRADE 5**



*D'Sean Wilson*

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# Rebecca Turner School

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*Anais Jones*

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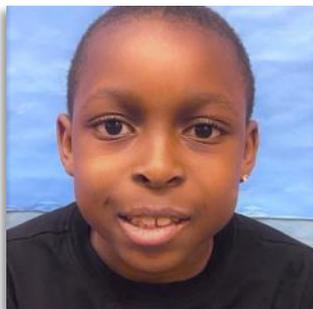
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*Jordan Albright*

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*Camryn Chisolm*

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*Anais Davenport*

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*Ibrahim Diallo*

**GRADE 4**





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*Amara Hawkins*  
**GRADE 4**



*Deonizius Roberts*  
**GRADE 4**





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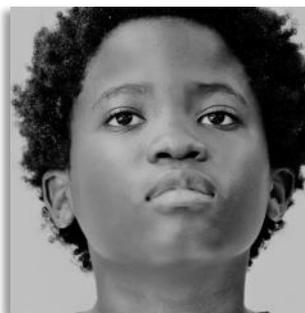
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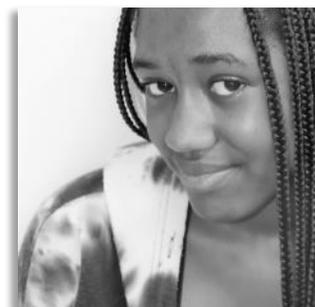
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*Amiyah Strong*

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*Brianne Williams*

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*Hannen Guizado*

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*Kenisha Nozie*

**GRADE 3**



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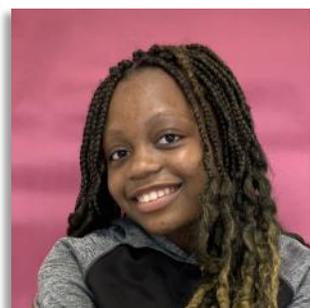
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**GRADE 5**



*Michelle Owusu*

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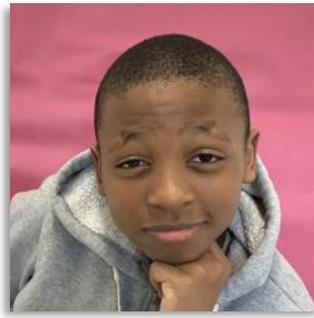
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*Cristal Carrion*

**GRADE 6**



*Jefferson Romain*

**GRADE 6**





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*Quinn Menzie*  
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*Aaron Aguilar*  
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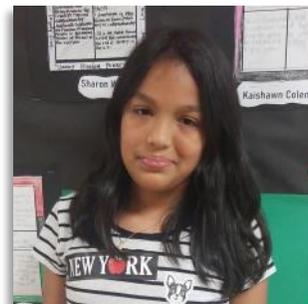
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*Justin Washington*  
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*Tyson Caliz*  
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*Richard Dunk*  
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*Shianne Evans*  
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*Aaryn Alexander Fulcher*  
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*Gabrielle Scott*  
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*Kaiden Taylor*  
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*Victoria Henry*  
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*Patrick Singh*  
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*Christian Roberts*  
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