

# A Newsletter for Beginning Teachers in NC



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## A Message from the 2018 Southwest Regional Teacher of the Year, Samone Graham

### The Best is Yet to Come



This month we are focusing and reflecting on the heart of teaching. Teaching is a “heart-work” profession because it demands a caring, compassionate, and loving attitude. It requires one to continuously practice forgiveness and tolerance while promoting a humane and progressive future through the lives of our children. It is undeniable that this profession demands much of one’s self in multifaceted ways. Each day, we prepare for the interactions ahead that include: sustaining an environment for high-quality learning, practicing positive and motivational instruction, and meeting each child where they are with hopes and intentions of moving them forward.

As teachers, our heart-work requires that we think creatively about every lesson, every day to be our best selves in the classroom. I applaud you for committing to your first years of teaching and congratulate you on your accomplishments thus far. By now, you are

probably realizing more than ever that by teaching, you have joined a group of passionate, well-intended, and caring individuals. Be rejuvenated by the community that you are a part of and excited about the potential of what is to come. Find excitement knowing that the lessons of yesterday are serving you now as benefits and advantages of today. The rewards from lessons-learned are immediate! You are already a better teacher!

As we turn the corner into the final months of the academic year, take a second breath and continue to care for the whole child, their families, and their lives — wholeheartedly. Continue to invest in the future adults you know the children will be. Know that your influence matters and that every day is significant. Be open to perfecting your craft and growing as a professional in the field. I hope that you find pride in knowing that you are a part of bettering this world. Continue to capture kids hearts and be open and willing to let them capture yours. Best of luck finishing this year strong!



# CALLING ALL BEGINNING TEACHERS!

## 2019 REGIONAL BT SUMMITS

### BUILDING RESILIENCE: LEADERS FOR A LIFETIME



- Northeast – June 17 at John A. Holmes High School in Edenton
- Southeast – June 17 at Dixon Middle School in Sneads Ferry
- North Central – June 13 at East Wake Academy in Zebulon
- Sandhills – June 18 at Don Steed Elementary School in Raeford
- Piedmont Triad – June 19 at Dudley High School in Greensboro
- Southwest – June 12 at Kannapolis Charter Academy in Kannapolis
- Northwest – June 27 at Moravian Falls Elementary School in Moravian Falls
- West - June 25 at Nesbitt Discovery Academy in Asheville