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## AVONDALE MEADOWS | VISION ACADEMY



# Supporting Excellence in Education

## EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS

Teachers are the heart of our schools—educators who are committed to the academic and personal growth of our students make the United Schools community strong. With this in mind, we created teaching awards to honor those teachers who go the extra mile each day. These teachers demonstrate increased student academic growth and proficiency, put in extra hours at school functions, and make family connectedness a priority.

Each year, we present the Excellence in Teaching Award to four outstanding teachers nominated by their colleagues. The 2018 recipients are:

### **Avondale Meadows Academy**

- Ashley Beverly
- Shorron Scott

### **Vision Academy**

- Ashley Miller
- Sara Buchta

### **FROM SHORRON SCOTT**

This is my third year teaching at Avondale Meadows Academy and my eighth year as a teacher. I have worked in education for over ten years. I've had the opportunity to work in the township schools but feel like I am really using my gifts working in the charter school network. Students from the inner city tend to get the short end of the stick when it comes to getting the proper resources they need to meet the standards that will make them as successful as their peers in other school systems.

I love what I do here at Avondale Meadows Academy, because the idea of family is so obviously woven in each student, parent, and teacher I encounter. The leadership team is supportive and takes the time needed to reflect with the staff on what is working and how we can change things around to fix what is not. The entire AMA staff and team have a contagious energy that pushes me to be my best.

I was excited to receive this award. The fact that staff members nominated me means so much. Working here fulfills me and makes me want to be a better teacher.

**The relationships I've built with my colleagues, students, and families at Vision Academy Riverside have made such a positive impact on my life. I try to bring that sense of family and belonging into my classroom culture.**

— Ashley Miller

# COLLEGE BOUND

Imagine a six year old walking through the halls of a science building at IUPUI.... At United Schools, we believe in the power of introducing our scholars to the college experience at a young age. Each year we take all students—from kindergarten to 8th grade—on college campus visits so they may experience college, if even for just a few hours. These visits are wonderful opportunities for parents to join us as well and gain a better understanding of the scale of universities throughout the Midwest. In the last two years, our students have visited:

- Marian University
- IUPUI
- Butler University
- Ball State University
- Notre Dame
- University of Chicago
- University of Louisville
- Indiana University
- Hanover University
- Purdue University



## A Girl's Gift of Entrepreneurship

Designed to give young girls a foundation in entrepreneurship and engage with female leaders, A Girl's Gift of Entrepreneurship has partnered with Avondale Meadows Middle School. Four students have been introduced to local entrepreneurs whose hard work and determination have led them to be successful business owners. The girls will learn the basic foundation of developing a business plan, and they will participate in workshops on effective study habits, self-esteem building, and community service. Each girl will submit her final business plan to a panel of judges later in the year, which will assist them in gaining confidence to pitch their future ideas to others in the "real" world.

## You Help Make it Happen

These are just a few of the programs we are able to offer our students. As a network of charter schools, we receive less in per pupil funding compared to traditional public schools, so private funding and donations are so important. Your support contributes to:

- Extracurricular activities
- College campus visits
- Special education resources
- Field trips
- Uniform Assistance
- Positive behavior incentives
- After school clubs
- Tutoring program
- Teacher merit-based bonuses

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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