

## ECPS Scholar Teachers: Cohort 1 Class of 2019



**Jacqueline Dickens** believes that schools should be a safe haven for students' creativity. She believes that children are our future and, as a team, we can change the world. Jacqueline is a part of the Scholar Teacher Program, Class of 2019, at Edgecombe Early College High School. In the future, she aspires to both teach and enter public school administration in Edgecombe County. She is currently interning at Princeville Elementary School under the mentorship of Tiffany Bridgers, where she has learned that every student wants to be acknowledged and to believe that he or she has a place in the classroom. Outside of school, she volunteers at her church and in the community. Jacqueline is looking forward to the various learning experiences that she will have in the future, and she believes they will only make her a better teacher and leader.



**Ny'Asia Dickens** understands the power of knowledge and teachers' unique responsibility to mold the minds of future generations. Ny'Asia is a senior at Edgecombe Early College High School in the Class of 2019 and is part of the Scholar Teacher Cohort. She plans to teach first grade in Edgecombe County Public Schools. Ny'Asia is currently completing her internship at Princeville Elementary under the mentorship of Gay Norville, where she has seen the magic art of a teacher giving unconditional love and support to her students while maintaining an authoritative position within the classroom. Outside of school, Ny'Asia's interests include creative writing and reading. Ny'Asia is eager to shape the minds of young individuals to make the world a better place.



**Lauren Reason** is passionate about shaping the minds of young children. She is a Scholar Teacher in the Class of 2019 at Edgecombe Early College High School. Her plans are to teach elementary school in Edgecombe County when she has completed her degree. Lauren is currently completing her internship at Princeville Elementary School under the mentorship of Sheila Mayo-DeLoatch, where she interacts with kindergarteners and has learned that it takes much passion and dedication to teach younger students. Outside of school, Lauren spends her time working at a local dance studio teaching children how to dance and tumble. She also enjoys spending time with her friends and family. Children have the world at their hands, and Lauren cannot wait for the day when she will have the opportunity help guide students along the right path.



**Ateonya Whitaker** believes that teaching is the most honorable job in the world. She is motivated by the fact that positive changes in education are possible because of her passion for the profession. She is a Scholar Teacher at Edgecombe Early College High School in the Class of 2019. She has plans on becoming an elementary school teacher. Currently, Ateonya is completing an internship under the mentorship of Cherelle Sanders at Martin Millennium Academy. She has learned that teaching is more than just standing in front of a group of children and presenting information. Teaching is a profession that requires passion and dedication. Outside of the Scholar Teacher program, Ateonya likes to cook and write poetry. She cannot wait to start her journey in education because this has forever been her calling.



**Elijah Williamson** understands the importance of teaching future generations and the impact that they will one day have on the world. This idea was shared with Elijah by his middle school music teacher, Dennis Hamrick, and has since inspired his desire to become an educator. Elijah is a Scholar Teacher and future graduate of the Class of 2019 at Edgecombe Early College High School. Elijah aspires to teach high school mathematics. Elijah is currently completing an internship at Patillo Middle School under the mentorship of Shirley Lloyd, where he has not only learned the importance of discipline but also the connectedness of teachers with their students. Outside of school, Elijah likes to play sports, play guitar with his friends and family, and sing. Elijah is looking forward to having the opportunity to teach others about mathematics, something he is very passionate about. He also looks forward to forming relationships with students and others teachers alike.

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**Bailey Brake** is passionate about inspiring others to learn and grow. As a Scholar Teacher in Edgecombe Early College High School's Class of 2020, she is excited to one day teach high school history in Edgecombe County Public Schools. Currently, she is completing her internship at Pattillo Middle School under the direction of Amanda Mongillo. Here, she has learned that the ability to adapt to sudden changes in classroom dynamics is very important. Outside of school, Bailey enjoys reading and spending time with family on the farm. When she enters the profession, Bailey looks forward to not only teaching young minds but also learning from them as well.



**Haley Cottrell** believes that a good teacher can change the world for one child and cause a chain reaction. She is part of the Scholar Teacher program in the Class of 2020 at Edgecombe Early College High School. Not only does Haley plan to teach high school English, but she also hopes to one day teach internationally. She is currently completing her internship at Martin Millennium Academy under the mentorship of Lindsay Palmer, where she has not only learned that every child's needs are different but also that it takes a willing teacher to learn how to support those needs. Outside of school, Haley enjoys reading, writing, and teaching in the nursery at her local church. Haley is looking forward to learning more about the many facets of teaching and education that she can positively impact.



**Mariana Gonzalez-Enriquez** believes that if an educator loves to teach, then the students will love to learn. She is a part of the Scholar Teachers program in the Class of 2020 at Edgecombe Early College High School. Mariana plans to teach elementary school. She is currently completing an internship at Martin Millennium Academy under the mentorship of Erica Sharpe. Through this experience, she has learned that teachers have a significant impact on the lives of their students. Outside of school, Mariana enjoys writing poetry, helping her friends, and spending time with family. She looks forward to coming back and teaching for the county in which she grew up.



**Taylor Webb** believes that being a teacher can help make a positive change in the world. Taylor Webb is a Scholar Teacher in the Class of 2020 at Edgecombe Early College High School. She plans to teach Special Education. She is currently completing her internship at Martin Millennium Academy under the the mentorship of Karen Hyman, where she has learned that every student needs to know that they are cared for. Outside of school, Taylor enjoys reading, being outside with nature, and spending time with her friends and family. After college, she is looking forward to returning to Edgecombe County to help make a positive difference.