

Amy Carter, 2022 South Carolina Teacher of the Year

Professional Biography



Amy Carter, the 2022 South Carolina Teacher of the Year, is a National Board Certified teacher with 22 years of teaching experience. Before serving as the SCTOY, she taught English Language Arts and Teacher Cadets at Chapin High School in Chapin, SC. With an undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia in English Education and a Master's degree from the University of South Carolina in

Educational Technology, Amy has always sought to combine stories and writing with the powerful collaboration tools that technology offers. Amy's teaching philosophy comes from Marianne Williamson's urging to "Let your light shine so that others may be granted permission to do the same." When a grumpy football coach made a difference in her own life as a tenth grader, she realized that she could do the same for others as a career and combine it with her love of story and communication to facilitate learning. She believes that literature can keep us in touch with our humanity and teach students necessary empathy that can foster future citizens that are better keepers of each other. She uses literature as a basis for genuine connection with students of all ability levels ranging from grades 9-12 and uses that rapport to help them become readers, writers, and storytellers in their own right. With her most recent professional investment in the Teacher Cadet program, she hopes to make an even greater impact as an advocate for public education by inspiring hopeful future educators that may one day become her colleagues.