

atlanta youth academy 20 years of transforming lives

WE ARE BLESSED AND THANKFUL FOR OUR AYA TEACHING FACULTY

 Utilizing her experience and consistent patience, Mrs. Juhan has created a **renowned PreK program** that provides the building blocks that is our student body.

--Angela Juhan-Simpson, PreK, since 2004

 Ms. Brown's love for the students is valued by all and the students enjoy learning in an educational environment that **empowers students to be good decision-makers and independent thinkers.**

--Boo Brown, 1st Grade, since 2013

 Mr. Simmons stepped on the scene and hit the ground running. He has created a reputation for **building self-esteem and culturally responsive students.**

--Davonte Simmons, 3rd Grade, since 2017

 Students and parents value their experience in Ms. Woodruff's classroom. The **family-oriented culture** paired with excellent teaching practices creates an once-in-a-lifetime experience.

--Paulette Woodruff, 5th Grade, since 2002

 Mrs. Jones creates a space that **empowers students to have a voice of their own** and to know how to use it to create change.

--Ruby Jones, Middle School History & Science, since 2014

 Mrs. Smith has been a great addition to our staff. Utilizing great preparation and enthusiasm, Mrs. Smith does an exceptional job of **exposing AYA students** to the Spanish culture and language.

--Claudia Smith, Spanish, since 2017

 Mrs. Pack challenges students to grow in and outside of the classroom. She does a great job of meeting students where they are and **helping them exceed their expectations.**

--Christina Pack, Learning Specialist, since 2016

 With her creative mind and heart for our community, Ms. Banner **inspires students to explore** all aspects of learning and to approach learning with an open mind.

--Stephanie Banner, Kindergarten, since 2008

 With excellent planning and a structured classroom, Mrs. Harper excels at **preparing students to be lifelong learners.**

--Corrine Harper, 2nd Grade, since 2014

 Mrs. Dennis's ability to provide her students with the tools needed to be successful in any classroom has proven to be valued by students and parents alike. The hard work and commitment Mrs. Dennis's demonstrates is evident by her Iowa Assessment scores. Last year, **90% of her students scored above grade level.**

--Shanda Dennis, 4th Grade, since 2005

 With her thoughtful process and excellent planning, Ms. K creates a Middle School experience that **prepares students to excel where ever they go.**

--Katie Koerten, Middle School Math, since 2012

 Whether it's **teaching students how to be agents of change or inspiring teachers to trust in God**, Ms. Stanley is a key component to the success of AYA. Alumni boast about her ability to prepare them for high school and life.

--Kathryn Stanley, Middle School English, since 2009

 Mrs. Jelks does a great job of **encouraging students to be creative**, yet structured in thought in the area of Art.

--Karla Jelks, Art, since 2014

 Mr. Gates does an amazing job of using his experience as an AYA student to **inspire students to reach their full potential.**

--Anthony Gates, After-School Director, since 2015