

## 2019 Arkansas Teacher of the Year

# Stacey McAdoo

- ❖ Little Rock School District (25,000+ students)
- ❖ Oral Communications Educator
- ❖ AVID College & Career Readiness Coordinator
- ❖ ESL Certified
- ❖ Founder of Writeous Poets
- ❖ 16 years classroom experience (9th-12th grade, Little Rock Central High)
- ❖ Bachelor's in Professional & Technical Writing
- ❖ Master of Arts in Teaching
- ❖ Educator to Educator Facilitator
- ❖ Recipient of numerous city, community and educational awards and citations some of which include:
  - Unsung Hero
  - Woman of the Year
  - Distinguished High School Mentor
  - Stephens Award
  - Public Education Foundation of Little Rock Grant Award

## Stacey's Story

When she was a child she would line all her dolls up and sit them next to her little brother, Craig. Armed with a yardstick and one live pupil, she demanded that they repeat after her and/or answer whatever question she deemed important for that particular lesson. For as long as she can remember, she's always wanted to be a teacher; although, she didn't always readily admit it. It was her brother's untimely death that made her realize that life is too short to not do what you love and/or are meant to do.

While Craig's death taught her the importance of pursuing her dreams and fulfilling her purpose, his life is what prepared her to do so. The contributions,

successes and accomplishments that she's had as a classroom teacher – specifically as it relates to her patience, compassion, and ability to understand the importance of creativity and differentiation in classroom instruction - are a direct result of her love for him. Teaching has blessed her with the opportunity to see a piece of him continue to live in each of the nearly 3,000 students that she's been charged to teach thus far.



## Platform & Areas of Interest

...Using Passion and Poetry to Close the Opportunity Gap...

Educator Effectiveness, Family & Community Engagement, and Teacher Recruitment & Retention

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