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Corey Oliver is a 1996 graduate of the University of Central Arkansas at Conway. After receiving a Bachelor of Arts in English and a double minor in Spanish and Interdisciplinary Studies from the UCA Honors College, Oliver began his career as a middle level educator at Bob Courtway Middle School in Conway. He has been teaching there for 17 years, since the school's inception. In 2000, Oliver completed his Master of Science in Education in Secondary School Leadership from UCA.

Oliver is a 2007 Milken Educator.

In the spring of 1997, just prior to entering the teaching profession, Oliver was selected Student Teacher of the Semester by the Pi Beta Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi. Voted by his colleagues as Teacher of the Year in 2000, Oliver received the Golden Apple Award in appreciation of his contribution to education. Oliver achieved two firsts in 2006 by becoming the first African-American and the first male teacher in the Conway School District to achieve certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. In the spring of 2007, Oliver was selected the Wal-Mart and Sam's Club Teacher of the Year.

Oliver is passionate about international travel. He has participated in five international training programs for teachers (in Russia, China, Japan, and South Africa). A member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the National Council of Teachers of English, and a board member of the Arkansas Council of Teachers of English and Language Arts, Oliver continues his involvement with UCA as an adjunct instructor in the College of Education.

Oliver's philosophy of teaching can be summed up in this quote (modified from Theodore Roosevelt's quote), "Students will not care about how much you know until they know about how much you care."

Oliver is available to speak, conduct workshops, and/or serve on committees

around the following topics:

- National Board Certification
- Creativity
- Parental involvement
- Student engagement