

WHO'S WHO

JC NALLE
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
@ JC NALLE'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM



La'Mont Geddis Community School Director
Mr. La'Mont Geddis began his journey into education 23 years ago, in 1995, and has since proved to be a valuable asset in the public and Charter schools of Washington, D.C. An African American man deeply committed to education, and has taught some of the most challenging children in some of the most challenging schools in the DMV. In fact, he recently was a Principal abroad at an International all boy's school in Saudi Arabia.

La'Mont studied education at Howard University where he received a Bachelor's degree in English and a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction & Administration, but much of what he knows and feels about children and how to reach them came from being a teacher / servant leader intern with CDF Freedom Schools. The long list of what he learned through Freedom Schools begins with an understanding poverty. He thought it had only to do with finances. "I found out there's emotional poverty and love poverty and intellectual poverty, and poor children are in our inner city schools. Our children are victims of poverty and sometimes, hurt people- can hurt people. So how do you help them and not exclude them, give them a voice! That's what the philosophy of Freedom Schools helped me understand."

While working as an Assistant Principal in Prince Georges County Public Schools, La'Mont volunteered at the Maya Angelou Charter Schools, which served children who've had difficulty in other schools. He later became the Principal of its middle school, where 43 percent of the students were in special education. Under his leadership, the school made the top five percent of the city's middle schools with academic growth and achievement. Afterwards, he began working as the Principal at Malcolm X Elementary School in DCPS. Mr. Geddis recently was appointed as Director of the Community Schools with the National Center for Children and Families in Washington DC. He also serves as a University Supervisor for the University of the District of Columbia.



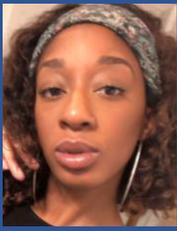
Jordan Kilson After-School Coordinator

He was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. From there, he traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana where he graduated from Dillard University with degrees in History and Political Science. Upon graduation, he moved to the District of Columbia for Law School at Howard University. He currently serving as the Lead Youth Development Counselor, in which he coordinates the Out-of-School time (After school) program. Within the after school program, He's the "LIT CLUB" teacher in where we focus on literacy enrichment and comprehension. He attends Saturday Academy as well, where He teaches 4th grade literacy and lastly, he teaches GED classes for the parents and community members interested in furthering their education. His passion is education and mentorship. He is a true believer that knowledge is the key to Freedom and Power. Therefore, his goal is to equip every child with access, awaken their minds with perspective and edify the talent and uniqueness within every child that comes to our program. His mission is to create a program curriculum that incorporates Compassion, History, Law and Economics. His free time is dedicated other hobbies such as Art, Music, Basketball and Service.

Meet Our Youth Development Counselors



Maria Carrera-Mason is a Kindergarten Youth Development Counselor at J C Nalle. She's studying Psychology on a Pre-Law track a Marymount University. Her interests are Martial Arts, intellectual conversations and learning new things about people, how they think, the world and how it works. Her future plans include becoming a Lawyer, Psychologist or Behavioral Analyst in the FBI.



Kara Davis a.k.a Coach or Ms. Kay Dee. She's new to the NCCF family. She graduated from Chowan University in Murfreesboro, NC with a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education. She started as the Head Basketball Coach at the JC Nalle Summer Leadership and Sportsmanship Camp. She's currently working with first graders as a Youth Development Counselor for the After-School program. She's loves to explore and try new things, but most of all she loves working with the kids at JC Nalle.



Abimbola George is serving as a Youth Development Counselor for STEM activities at JC Nalle Elementary School for The National Center for Children and Families. He served as the Culture/Climate Lead and Technology Coordinator at Malcolm X Elementary School in the District of Columbia for 5 years. He is a Howard University alumnus, and currently a senior fellow at the University of Notre Dame, Center for STEM Education. Mr. George worked as a Consultant and Instructional Coach for the Children's Defense Fund, Freedom Schools, a global nonprofit organization, dedicated to empowering the under advantaged with strong literacy skills. He served as a summer school Assistant Principal for DCPS, leading a faculty of 45 members and helping to educate over 500 students ranging from kindergarten through 8th grade. He has been an igniting force in empowering parents to access and capitalize on multiple initiatives and resources for their children through his work with programs such as the Family Engagement Collaborative through DC Public Schools, as well as the Flamboyant Foundation. Mr. George has served as an educator in the public and charter school sector for 7 years, in an effort to help create the educated thinkers of tomorrow.



Dew the Artist an amazing artist & he'll be teaching art at JC Nalle Community School. He is art, he breathes art & he loves teaching art. He's been creating art for about 15 years now. His goal is to inspire the youth through his soulful work & have them inspire others. "A domino chain of inspiration" he calls it.



Symone Odom, a Senior Elementary education major at Howard University. She has been teaching summer and after school programs for about 5 years and aspire to teach upper elementary students after graduation, and eventually, a literacy coach. She currently student teaches at Malcolm X, and teaches after-school and Saturday School at JC Nalle. Her ultimate goal is to be who she needed when she was younger. Her passion is what she's living— cultivating while being



Mary Foday was born in Sierra Leone and relocated to Washington D.C. at a very young age. She's a professional athlete (aka track star), currently training for the Olympics. She loves to encourage kids mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. She is determined to motivate her children to know despite their current circumstances or their past, they're still capable to do whatever they put their minds to. She believes in the power of endurance. The more hardships you endure, the greater your destiny and she's happy to pour that into your children.



Tiffany Day a Youth Development Counselor and Data Specialist at JC Nalle Community School. She's always had a passion for helping others learn and grow. She was a parent volunteer for 7 years in the classroom. Subsequently she became a parent liaison, where she helped parents become more self-sufficient. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends while relaxing.

