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## Teachers with Passion: Ms. Brandis Bean



Brandis Bean arrives early to her kindergarten class at Cornerstone's Lincoln-King Academy (LKA). She sets up the room quietly so that everything's ready when her students arrive. As her young scholars walk into the room, her face lights up. It's obvious that they're excited to see her, too, with smiles and excitement for the day on their faces.

This is Ms. Bean's third year of teaching and her third year at LKA. Since day one, she's felt that she's been well-supported by the team. "As a new teacher, fresh out of college with little experience, Cornerstone gave me a chance," she said. "The staff at Cornerstone really did an amazing job at welcoming me and making me feel like I'm a part of the team. That's the best part of working with Cornerstone, I would say, knowing you have a team of like-minded educators who will stand with you in the journey to give quality education to the children of Detroit."



### Why She's Passionate About Teaching

Like several of Cornerstone's teachers, Ms. Bean says the "light bulb moments" in the classroom are her favorite part of her position, "I love when it clicks and you see a child really understand what you're trying to teach them. You know they're understanding it and you know they're able to explain it to other people. Those are the moments that I really appreciate."



### Considering Cornerstone?

"I chose to work with Cornerstone because the charter school experience was something that I was interested in trying. I'd learned about charters during my classes at GVSU. Here, you not only have a strong bond with your fellow teachers and the administration, you also have constant opportunities to further your own learning. There are both scheduled Professional Development days and quick 40-minute meetings where you collaborate with your grade-level teammates."

To anyone considering working at Cornerstone, Brandis gave this advice, "If you're looking to help improve the future of Detroit and would like to become part of a family of teachers and administration that will support you in that journey, Cornerstone is definitely where you should go."

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