



### SPOTLIGHT: TAMARAH STANLEY

Tamarah Stanley proudly serves as Yorktown High School's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator. Ms. Stanley brings to Yorktown over 18 years of service as an educator. Ms. Stanley earned her Bachelor of Science in Secondary Math Education and Master of Science in Counselor Education at East Carolina University. Most recently, Ms. Stanley completed her Educational Specialist degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at Virginia Tech. Prior to working at Yorktown, Ms. Stanley taught secondary math and supported students through school counseling in addition to leading efforts to promote equity in education. Ms. Stanley is passionate about providing access and opportunity for students to maximize their potential. She looks forward to collaborating with students, teachers, and families in her new role.



### SPOTLIGHT: JACQUELINE STALLWORTH

Jacqueline has been a high school teacher in Michigan, Maryland, and Virginia. Combining her love for equity, inclusion, and literature, she is also a literacy consultant where her focus is on schools' curricula reflecting the diverse world in which we live. Her main client is the College Board where she trains teachers to teach the AP Literature classes through an equity lens, and she is part of a team that developed and piloted the achieving equity in Advanced Placement training. She is eager to take her experiences consulting and teaching to continue the equity work in Arlington Public Schools at Swanson Middle School. At Swanson she plans to work with students and staff while simultaneously working with the district to foster equitable practices to benefit the entire Arlington community.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- October 8 - World Habitat Day
- October 10 - World Mental Health Day
- October 10 - Indigenous People's Day
- October 15 - International Day of Rural Women
- October 16 - World Food Day
- October 17 - International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- October 19 - International Pronouns Day
- October 24 - Diwali

### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion will be offering professional learning to Secondary Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinators on Monday, October 10. The purpose of this professional learning activity is to increase awareness of newly implemented Standard 6 of the Virginia Standards for Professional Practice.

Please reach out to Ty Byrd at [tyrone.byrd@apsva.us](mailto:tyrone.byrd@apsva.us) to learn more about this important initiative.

### AROUND TOWN

#### Native American Heritage Month

November is National Native American Heritage Month, where we recognize the important history and traditions of Native Americans. Get involved by checking out the events as well as suggested reading, films, and music from DC Public Library by visiting <https://www.dclibrary.org/nahm>.

### CONDOLENCES

The Arlington Public School (APS) community is saddened to hear of the passing of Kent Carter. Mr. Carter served the Arlington community as a leader within the N.A.A.C.P. organization and partnered with APS in a variety of ways. His contributions to the young people of APS and those who work in their service will be sorely missed. We send condolences to Mr. Carter's family and loved ones at this difficult time.



### WHAT WE ARE READING

Please use this [link](#) to share your thoughts on what we're reading and offer suggestions to expand our library and collective knowledge.

**We are currently reading:**  
Finding Your Blind Spots: Eight Guiding Principles for Overcoming Implicit Bias in Teaching  
By Hedreich Nichols (2021)

### TERM OF THE MONTH

#### Bias

1. A tendency to lean in a certain direction
2. An unreasoned judgment: prejudice
3. Prejudice towards or against something or someone