

2017 PSTA Dr. Elizabeth Gressette Professional Development Scholarship Winners



Beth Csiszer is a native of Lexington, NC. She received her undergraduate degree from UNC-Greensboro, where she double majored in English and Elementary Education. She received her first master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Winthrop University in 2011. She just received her second Master's degree from Winthrop University in 2016 in Educational Leadership. She began her career in Charlotte, NC as a second grade teacher. She has taught grades 2-8 as a classroom teacher.

Beth is currently an ESOL teacher in the Lancaster County School district. Her goal is to transition into a leadership role in the upcoming school year. She resides in Fort Mill, SC with her husband David and daughter, Arianna.



Beverly Hyatt Flythe is a native South Carolinian, born and raised on a farm in rural Lee County. Beverly was a Teacher Cadet at Bishopville High School and majored in Early and Elementary Childhood at Coastal Carolina University. She taught a variety of subjects and grades in her 20 years at Alice Drive Middle School in Sumter, before transitioning to the role of Instructional Coach at Hillcrest Middle for two years. Beverly currently serves as the Human Resources

and Professional Development Coordinator for Florence School District 4. Beverly has a Masters in Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment and recently has finished her second Masters in Educational Leadership and Administration, both through Walden University.

When not working, Beverly enjoys spending time with her husband, Turner, and their children; Jarred (17), Charlotte Rose (8), and Max (7). She also enjoys being active in her church and community.



Currently in his 10th year of the education profession, Trevor T. Ivey currently serves as an assistant principal at Alice Drive Middle School, a nationally accredited STEM school. A proud product of the public schools of Sumter County, Trevor received his undergraduate degree in elementary education from the University of South Carolina and also holds a graduate degree in educational

policy and management from Harvard University. A National Board Certified Teacher, Trevor's classroom teaching experience spans many grade levels as an elementary and middle school science teacher, adult education GED math instructor, and continues as an adjunct instructor with the University of South Carolina. Trevor was named Sumter's top teacher in 2012 and elevated to a Top Five Finalist for SC Teacher of Year in 2013. His passion for teaching and learning, increasing the level of teacher quality, teacher leadership, and political advocacy exhilarates him in the public education field. In his future work, Trevor looks forward to making a profound impact through his unique ability to innovatively connect people, ideas, and resources to build social-impact programs of scale.



Jessica Levine is an ambitious educator that looks to bring forth change for young children. She is an Instructional Technologist in Berkeley County School District where she provides professional development on effective ways to integrate technology within the curriculum. Jessica has her Master of Science in Education (specialized in Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment), and is currently working on her Doctorate degree from Walden University. In addition, she is a Google for Education Certified Trainer and a Google Certified Educator. At her church, Faith Assembly of God, she serves on the Media Ministry.



Cynthia D. McQueen holds a Bachelor's degree in English—Liberal Arts from Francis Marion University. She is also GT endorsed. She is currently an ELA Honors teacher and ELA department chair at Darlington Middle School in Darlington County. She is pursuing her Masters of Education degree in Gifted Education at Converse College.