

Candace Tamara Richardson

Biographical Information

My name is Candace Tamara Richardson; I am from Fuquay – Varina, North Carolina. I am a proud graduate of Saint Augustine’s College (University), class of 1998. During my matriculation at Saint Augustine’s, I became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. – Gamma Xi Chapter. I hold a degree in English and Communications. I have also attended graduate school at North Carolina Central University (English) and Johns Hopkins University (Educational Studies). I received my human resources certification from Duke University as well. Currently pursuing higher education as a graduate student at the University of North Carolina – Charlotte, Department of Urban Education, while continuing my leadership role as an Expanded Impact Teacher at the historic Harding University High School, English Department as an Advanced Placement English III / IB Instructor.

As an educator, I have received recognition as an “Irreplaceable Teacher” with Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools and Teacher of the Year at Walter G. Byers School (PreK-8). During the 2017-2018 academic school year, The Charlotte Hornets –CMS Foundation awarded my expertise in diversity and inclusion academic programs with their CMS Teacher Innovation Grant. Through this grant, scholars presented a variety of presentations covering global leaders such as President Barrack Obama and Angela Davis. The presentation also included an in-depth discussion lead by social media influencer/activist Sam White. Sam White has been featured on CNN, BET, and MTV as analyst focusing on racial profiling, support of Colin Kaepernick, and diversity/inclusion. Sam White is also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

In the areas of community service and activism, I have been blessed by receiving recognition from the Charlotte Kappa Foundation – Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Through my membership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. – Rho Psi Omega Chapter, I received the distinguish award of “Sister of the Year.” My service in the chapter/sorority includes Historian/Archives Committee Chairperson, Think HBCU chairperson, and currently assistant financial secretary. My recognition in the areas of academic leadership and community service resulted in becoming one of the “45 Under 45 Alumni Award” honorees from my alma mater Saint Augustine’s University.