

# James McBride Teaching Award 2017 Recipients

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**Jamal Dickerson**                      **Creative Arts MV Academy, Camden, NJ**

*“When you go into teaching because you really want to you are more effective. I’m in it because it’s a calling. I help my students see the light at the end of the tunnel; to see the goodness I see in them. And that’s how I pay it forward.”*

1999 BS    Morgan State Univ.  
2010 MPA   Rutgers University

*Milken Educator Award 2007  
Music teacher, Director of Bands*



**Lydia Freeman**                      **KIPP Gaston College Prep, Gaston NC**

*“When plans for a coal ash facility were revealed, my class carefully researched the economic benefits and the environmental costs. Students wrote letters to local officials. We teach our students that one person can make a difference.”*

2013 BA    Bluefield College

*English Teacher, former Teach for America*



**Jack Lyons**                      **Downtown Charter Academy, Oakland, CA**

*“Our technical world is evolving rapidly. One of my biggest challenges is to teach my students how to adapt and solve the complex problems they’ll face.”*

2012 BA, Rutgers University

*6th Grade Teacher*



**Martha Marich**                      **Freedom Prep, Camden, NJ**

*“Many of my students come from poverty. Only 10% were at grade level at the beginning of the year, but by the end, 27% were on track. Hard work and an unwavering faith in the possibilities in their future set the course.”*

2012 BA, Pomona College

*6th Grade Teacher*



**Janel Park**                      **Benito Juarez, AMPS, Richmond, CA**

*“It’s not what I give my students, but what they give me. My students teach me to be a more creative and thoughtful teacher. Their parents teach me to be a better listener and develop remedies as a team.”*

2013 BA, MA    Mills College

*Founding 2nd Grade Teacher*



**Chris Henry**                      **Foundation Academies, Trenton, NJ**

*Chris was determined to return to his classroom ahead of schedule after a car accident. Losing his leg didn’t deter him from getting the job done: giving the next student an opportunity to succeed.*

2009 BA    Seton Hall

*Social Studies Teacher*



**Casey Sacchetti**                      **Russell Byers Charter School, Philadelphia, PA**

*“There’s nothing like song to engage young students. I use music to teach phonics and reading strategies. Education is the great equalizer and reading is the base for all other learning.”*

*2nd & 4th Grade Teacher, Reading Specialist*

2007 BA    Temple University, 2010 MS Ed, Saint Joseph’s University