



# Seba Enrichment Academy®

*A youth enrichment program for the study of  
African & African American History and Culture*



Mrs. Virginia Barbarin,  
Master Teacher

*Certified, Master Teacher, Mrs. Virginia Barbarin teaches to make a difference in her community, and ultimately in the world. She is inspired knowing that she's had an impact on each child and that in some way she has uncovered the genius within them. Her hope is that every child is empowered and confident because of her uncompromising high standards, and the positive impact she's had on their life.*

A former teacher in the Coatesville Area School District, Mrs. Barbarin is licensed and certified to teach grades K-6 and taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade for 8 years. A 15-year Sunday School teacher at the St. Paul's Baptist Church of West Chester, PA, Mrs. Barbarin, was nominated for the Citadel Heart of Learning award for 3 consecutive years. Mrs. Barbarin is trained by the Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium, Inc. as an Equity Leader and facilitated staff and students in the promotion of educational equity.

Mrs. Barbarin's Mantra this year is : "Excellence is the antidote to hatred." –  
Rev. DeForest Soaries

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*Teaching is a science that requires working tirelessly to create a challenging, nurturing environment for your students. Students need to feel safe to express their feelings and learn to respect and listen to others.*

As a former student in the West Chester Area School District, the expectation of having a black teacher was rare at best. Upon my graduation I was afforded the opportunity to attend Virginia Union University, an HBCU located in Richmond, Virginia where my life changed. I was empowered by being educated in an African American community that inspired me to work hard and turn from an

average student into an honor student. It was at this time I knew the implications of the black teacher in educating our children to reach their fullest potential.



Mrs. Stephanie Williams,  
Teacher, Instructor

I enjoyed teaching elementary aged students for thirty-five years in the West Chester Area School District. Knowing that you've touched so many lives at the start of their formative years, makes me ecstatic. I marvel at the inquisitive nature of children and how their interest is piqued when they take ownership of their learning. Given the right tools, students will achieve success through good instruction, peer engagement, appropriate resources in a relaxing environment.

I'm excited to see the impact the Seba Enrichment Academy will have on our group of scholars.



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Mrs. Avis James,  
Master Teacher, Instructor

Avis Cooper James is a retired educator with 40 years teaching experience in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Hawaii. The State of New Jersey awarded Mrs. James the Governor's Teacher

Recognition Award for having made exceptional contributions in the use of effective

instructional techniques and methods; the establishment of productive classroom climate and

rapport with students; and the development of feelings of self-worth and love of learning in students. Mrs. James created and designed the Unity Club and Unity Day in 1985 to promote tolerance, unity and to celebrate diversity. The Unity Club and Unity Day continues in the Cinnaminson, New Jersey School District.

Mrs. James facilitates the Family Empowerment Ministry at St. Paul's Baptist Church. Classes are designed for parents to meet the challenges of raising children.

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

Romans 15:4

Black History Month starts on January 1st and ends December 31 st .

Teaching about Africa is an exciting opportunity to begin the process of critical thinking and the examination of presuppositions. We redesign our ideas; discarding the stereotypes; learning



Dr. Valerie Harrison, Adult

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A highly respected attorney with nearly two decades of leadership experience in higher education, Harrison is uniquely qualified for this important new role. She will draw on her legal background and research interests to engage the Temple community in thinking and acting in ways that support a culture of acceptance, inclusion and respect. **Dr. Harrison** rejoined Temple after serving as acting president of Lincoln University and previously general counsel at Lincoln. She also served as associate university counsel at Temple for more than a decade and vice president for legal affairs and general counsel at Arcadia University. Her experiences contribute to a broad understanding and appreciation for providing a safe and healthy campus environment.

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Dr. Koreem R. Bell, Adult Class

**Dr. Koreem Bell** is a counselor teacher at West Chester Henderson High School located in West Chester, Pennsylvania and part of West Chester Area School District

He is a Licensed Professional Counselor that focuses on providing individual therapy to children, adolescents, and adults. I have worked with individuals from diverse populations who are struggling with Depression, Anxiety, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Oppositional Defiant Disorder, PTSD, Asperger's, and life issues. I have interests in academic advising and career counseling, and am passionate about helping individuals organize their lives and reach their personal goals.

Founder of The Koreem Bell Scholarship Fund has been established to provide scholarships to graduating high school students who are members of the Black Student Union at Henderson High School.

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Dr. Julianna Mosely, Adult Class

**Dr. Julianna Mosely**

College Officer for Diversity & Inclusion at Chestnut Hill College

Provides diversity and inclusion training; consultation in the areas of leadership development/transition; strategic planning; and higher education (student development). Also an accomplished keynote speaker with more than 40 appearances (regional and national conferences, colleges, and non-profit organizations).

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