UTeach Dallas Alumni are Committed to Improving STEM Education

UTeach Dallas Alumni: Helen Arceneaux
Helen teaches 7th gr Pre-AP and 7th/8th gr GT Science at Liberty Junior High STEM Academy in Richardson ISD.

Helen shared her thoughts about teaching and UTeach Dallas:

The students at my school are often told no because they come from a poor household or from a complicated background. I have found that being a guide to student learning imparts students with the life skills and content skills they need to succeed even in the toughest of situations. I do not want my students to be able to regurgitate for a test. I want them to be able to apply knowledge! While it may be my career to educate my students, I feel that they educate me even more and I am honored to be part of their lives.

In the last two years, I have rewritten our curriculum for our science department and became head of the 7th grade science team. In the 2017-2018 school year, I was honored by the district as the “Red Apple Award Winner for Secondary”. Then, in the 2018-2019 school year, receiving the “TI STEM Innovators Award for RISD” as well as the “RISD Super Teacher” and “Teacher of the Year” at my school. While I have felt truly blessed to be honored with these accolades, I feel that it’s my students who deserve the awards. In my own classroom, I have implemented a blended learning format of independent and small group instruction- often led by students! They have helped me improve my craft and find new ways to guide them. They help me focus on pedagogy that works. This year will be my third year of teaching; and I plan to gamify instruction for all preps.

My UTeach Dallas professors found tuition assistance for me when I struggled, provide an experienced sounding board when I need advice and have always encouraged me even when I was unsure. I am proud to be affiliated with the program!
UTeach Dallas Alumni: Preston Dozier

Preston will be a STEM educator teaching Biology at J.J. Pearce High School in Richardson ISD.

Preston shared her thoughts about her experience at the UTeach Alumni Conference:

This summer, Preston attended and presented at the UTeach Alumni Conference 2019 and shared her thoughts about the conference.

Attending the STEM Educators Conference was such an amazing opportunity to grow as an educator. Alumni from UTeach branches all over the country provided like-minded peers with vastly different experiences from which to learn. The keynote speaker was inspiring, and the round table discussions were a great chance to hear how others are utilizing what they learned from the program in their classrooms. I learned so much from such a short conference!

I also had the opportunity to present a booth for the “Women in Physics Camp” at the UTeach Playground session. My goal was to generate interest in the camp, and introduce the possibility for others to replicate the camp near their schools. It was exciting to have the alumni express interest in trying to start camps of their own. It was such a fulfilling experience to share our work, in which we have been so committed, and be received with so much excitement by my fellow peers!”

Preston presenting the “Women in Physics Camp” Poster Alumni Conference

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