



BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (July 15, 2022) - i3 Academy is pleased to announce the hiring of Dr. TaShara King as the new principal for i3 Academy Elementary School.

In the fall of 2020, i3 Academy opened their first campus in the Woodlawn area of Birmingham, Alabama. The elementary school (230 49th S. N. Birmingham, AL 35212) serves students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Until this point, Dr. Martin Nalls has served in dual roles as principal and head of school. Dr. King will now lead as principal, allowing Dr. Nalls to take on additional responsibilities and function as superintendent/head of school for the entire i3 Academy Charter School Network.

Upon her acceptance of the position, Dr. King expressed, “I am extremely excited to start my new role working alongside the i3 Academy team and community. My calling is to equip students with the necessary tools needed to thrive at the next level, as well as provide servant leadership for my entire team. I want to empower my team and work with the community in order to ensure each student becomes an effective communicator, problem solver and critical thinker. I am committed to the education and life experiences of our youth and the professional and personal development of the adults who work with our students.”

Throughout her nineteen-year career in education, Dr. King has purposely acquired a variety of skills and knowledge to expose her to the various aspects of education so that she can provide the utmost guidance and support to the school community that she serves. She has worked in the capacities of: an Instructional Leader-Principal at Davis-Emerson Middle School in Tuscaloosa, a 12-month high school assistant principal at Tuscaloosa County High School, an Alabama Math, Science and Technology Specialist (AMSTI) for Troy University and The University of Montevallo, a Family Involvement Title I Representative, a classroom science teacher, Autistic SPED paraprofessional, and a grant writer. Her most recent position as an Instructional Leader-Principal of Davis-Emerson Middle School afforded her the opportunities to implement programs and practices to enhance teaching and learning while building impactful student-to-student, adult-to-student, and adult-to-adult relationships.

Dr. King holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Secondary Science Education from Alabama State University (ASU), in addition to a Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership from ASU and a Ph.D. in Educational Foundations of Leadership and Technology from Auburn University. Dr. King has been a member of the Council for Leaders of Alabama Schools (CLAS) for the past eight years and was recently selected to be a Hope Fellow for Samford University’s Hope Institute, which focuses on how leaders build a positive culture and climate through character education. She works to inspire all of those she comes in contact with and has adopted the mantra: “People don’t care how much they know until they know how much you care”.

“We are very pleased to add Dr. King to our leadership team. She has an unwavering commitment to enhancing school culture and accelerating academic outcomes. Please join me in welcoming Dr. TaShara King to the i3 family,” Dr. Martin Nalls, head of school for i3 Academy.

Dr. King is a native of Northport, Alabama and currently resides in Jefferson County. She and her husband, Antonio King, Sr., have one son, TJ who is ten. Dr. King enjoys traveling with her family and friends as well as serving the community as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

i3 Academy is a network of tuition-free, public charter schools, serving students in kindergarten through seventh grade in the Birmingham area on two campuses. The elementary campus is located in Woodlawn and the middle school campus is located in East Lake (7901 1st. Ave. N. Birmingham, AL 35212). The mission of i3 is to empower learners to become agents of change who solve the problems they see in their world. To learn more about i3 Academy, visit i3Academy.org.

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