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With nearly three decades worth of experience in education and nonprofits, Carletta S. Hurt is a powerful force in providing quality and engaging programs that build strong foundations within schools and communities.

Her nonprofit/community work includes program director for I Have A Dream – AD Williams and the Shandon Anderson Foundation; assistant program manager for the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation – Blank Family Fellows and assistant camp director for the DeShawn Snow Foundation.

In addition to her nonprofit work, Carletta is a dedicated educator with work in grades K-20. She believes a quality education is an asset that every child should be afforded and understands the concept that, “it takes a village to raise a child.”

Currently, she is a School Counselor in the public school system of the District of Columbia. Carletta is also former President of the DC School Counselor Association (DCSCA) and recently joined the Counseling Advisory Committee at Trinity University. Her duties while with DCSCA included representing the organization at the

3rd annual White House Convening on Strengthening School Counseling and College Advising. She received her B.A. in Education from Oglethorpe University and her two advanced degrees (M.Ed., Ed.S) from Georgia State University. Carletta worked in Georgia as a teacher in Decatur City Schools and a counselor in Fulton County Schools.

Carletta was named the 2016 DC School Counselor of the Year (SCOY) by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA). She along with other SCOY finalists visited with former First Lady Michelle Obama at the White House for a reception in their honor. In April of 2017, Carletta was recognized by the Oglethorpe University Alumni Association with the Bell Award. She was recently awarded Mentor of the Year by the DC chapter of the National Black MBA Association.

She has a youth development company, IN THE LOOP Program of Success, which provides ongoing, engaging programs to empower, educate and elevate young people. Hurt is working on her first novel, *20 Reasons Why I Love Girl Power (and you should too)* set for release Fall 2020.

A literacy and youth advocate, lover of the arts, and passionate about issues around youth development, she's down to help others gain momentum and movement behind their own areas of interest.