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After graduating from Howard University in 2003, Alicia returned to her roots in Philadelphia to give back to a community struggling with poverty and abuse. It was through this work, and the recruiting efforts of her teacher mother, that Alicia discovered the evolving profession of school counseling. Through Alicia's graduate and certification program, she was able to enjoy the school environment in a capacity that suited her best.

Since becoming a high school counselor, Alicia has pursued continued education at both the University of Pennsylvania and Virginia Tech. In her role as Director of School and College Counseling, Alicia's philosophy is infused with the intention of cultivating cultural fluency and scholarly distinction. She finds new and innovative ways to help create the kind of school culture where all students' identities are affirmed and learning can take place in the most supportive atmosphere possible. Additionally, traveling throughout the country to promote social justice makes her a very busy woman. She has co-authored a book about equity in education titled 'Interrupting Racism'. She also, and just as importantly, discusses college culture, and how it can impact a student's ability to live peacefully, think critically and engage passionately.

School counseling will be Alicia's lifelong career. Impacting the lives of students is her calling and she works every day to make sure that students know they are cared for, thought of and valued. She feels blessed to be a part of the Bishop McNamara family to continue this wonderful work.