

# CONGRATULATIONS DAMON FRAZIER

**FOR YOUR EXCELLENT EFFORTS IN THE CLASSROOM, YOU WILL RECEIVE A CASH PRIZE AND A CLASSROOM SET OF *THE OKLAHOMAN*.**

“**Mr. Damon Frazier is a gifted and talented instructor** of Afrikan Drumming and Rhythms at The Marcus Garvey Leadership Charter School. Mr. Frazier is a professional musician, and moved here after hearing that Dr. Kevin A. McPherson was opening an Afrikan-centered charter school in Oklahoma City. He has worked at Marcus Garvey for four years. His greatest contribution to Marcus Garvey is his creation of the Sankofa Drumming Ensemble. This year the Sankofa Drummers are made up of the fifth and sixth grade classes. These students have performed at numerous engagements throughout the years at churches, civic organizations, state-wide events, and the University of Oklahoma. Under Mr. Frazier's leadership, an application to perform at the Inaugural Ceremony for 2009 was submitted. He spent hours creating a DVD, audio recording and pictures to be sent to the committee. His concern for the students at The Marcus Garvey Leadership Charter School is unquestionable.”

*Nominated by Herlena P. Leggins, Dean of Instruction  
at The Marcus Garvey Leadership Charter School*

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**“** The students at Sequoyah Elementary cannot wait to go to P.E.! Mrs. Campbell knows how to engage her students. Aside from her very active classroom, she sponsors Jump Rope 101, Jump Rope 201, Chess Club, and the school’s walking club. Furthermore, she gives students motivation and encouragement to stay active. Mrs. Campbell is not just a facilitator, she is an active participant. She has very high expectations and her students rise to the occasion.

Mrs. Campbell doesn’t seek out recognition for good deeds, but instead quietly spends her weekends at chess tournaments with her students. The extra opportunities Mrs. Campbell provides for our students contributes to our low number of discipline referrals. Mrs. Campbell gives our students an extra incentive to try a little harder, and that makes a difference in our students’ lives.”

*Nominated by Montie Koehn, Principal of Sequoyah Elementary School*

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# CONGRATULATIONS BEVERLY RAY

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“**The need to channel technology skills toward creative expression** has Linwood’s Beverly Ray dreaming up ways to take her computer students places they’ve never been. Her students use video bios with music and visuals to tell stories about family origins. While some students can’t imagine coming from any place other than Oklahoma, a Linwood classmate’s newly immigrated family video shows a deep respect for the new life pursued far from their homeland. America’s history becomes personal, and no doubt, that’s why test scores of Linwood’s kids have soared. Clearly, Ms. Ray respects and values each student’s personal story, allowing it to be the basis for rich, shared learning. More than the video process, it’s a life lesson for everyone at Linwood Elementary School. Thank you, Ms. Ray, for finding the unique gifts of each child in your care.”

*Nominated by Marci Brueggen, School Volunteer at Linwood Elementary School*



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**“Joy Rainey has made a difference in hundreds of students’ lives, not just one.**

Joy has taught 2nd grade, kindergarten and is now our physical education teacher. Six years ago, Joy started a girls basketball team. We now have 12–16 teams impacting more than 150 of our students’ lives each year under Joy’s management and coordination. Miss Rainey also coaches our jump rope team. Over the years, it’s been amazing to watch troubled students blossom with pride, gain more self-esteem and accomplish more academically by mastering the art of jump roping and performing at community events. Joy provides transportation for students who otherwise couldn’t make it to practices, games, or events. This year, Joy initiated a “Morning Fitness Wake-Up” program and arrives early every day to engage all 300 students in exercise, fitness and health education. In addition to exercising and dancing, she has brought in a dentist, nutritionist, and backpack safety expert to speak to our students. Joy embraces every single pursuit with the greatest intent to make it the best it can be for our children, and she never gives up on anyone. She continually comes up with new ways to help make our community and students’ lives safer and better.”

*Nominated by Peggy Brinson, Principal of Western Village Academy*



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