

2019 Kansas Teacher of the Year Speaker Service

Whitney Morgan, the 2019 Kansas Teacher of the Year, is available this year through the Hubbard Foundation Kansas Teacher of the Year Ambassadorship to conduct workshops for school personnel, visit with teams of teachers or serve as a keynote speaker for your school district.

Morgan teaches English language arts to immigrant, migrant and refugee students at Wyandotte High School in Kansas City, Kansas. She has taught for five years, all of which have been in this role. She earned a bachelor of science from Kansas State University in 2012, and is currently working on a master of arts in English at Middlebury Bread Loaf School of English.

Morgan began her career as an English teacher in 2013 after three years of internship service and contributions to nonprofits in Kansas City servicing foster and adoptive children, homeless teens and public performing arts entertainment. Her nonprofit background influences her strengths-based collaboration, creativity and stamina in the classroom. Morgan uses collaborative learning, such as food-centric literature circles and personal narratives, to engage students from all backgrounds and abilities in learning while also building community. Morgan aims to build both relational and systemic supports for all students.

A Stanford University Hollyhock Fellow, Morgan is a collaborative and reflective practitioner mutually focused on content, strategies and equity. She is currently leading a school-site team in re-evaluating and broadening the types of data used to inform instructional practice for student learning to include qualitative survey data on school climate. Morgan wants to encourage teachers, students and the public to leverage their individual strengths to collectively work together toward an equitable education system founded in empathy and love.

Presentations Morgan can offer include two keynote presentations described below.

Classroom Community: Extending Beyond Individual Relationships—How do we move beyond building individual relationships to include broader classroom communities? In this session, Morgan explores how an intentional focus on community and collective care transforms learning. Teachers will leave with possible ideas and strategies on how to foster true collaboration, collective responsibility and inclusive classroom communities.

You Matter and You are Not Alone: Nurturing and Sustaining the Call—How can we nurture and sustain the fire for our calling? Morgan will share ideas around how to draw continual strength as educators to listen, learn and lead in the teaching profession.

Morgan can also offer professional learning breakout sessions on various topics.

- Classroom Climate: Leveraging qualitative data to drive instruction
- Equity of Voice: Ways to empower all students' voices in the classroom
- Thinking Beyond the Single Story: Broadening perspectives on our students' lives, needs and potential

If you would like to invite Morgan to make a presentation at your school, you may contact her at Wyandotte High School, 2501 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66102. Morgan also can be reached by email at whitney.morgan@kckps.org or by phone at the school at (913) 627-7755.