



JOSHUA CARROLL

2017 MARYLAND STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Joshua Carroll was born in New Haven, CT, and raised in nearby Madison, CT, along Long Island Sound. He attended Madison Public Schools from kindergarten through his graduation in 1995 from Daniel Hand High School.

Mr. Carroll initially majored in environmental geoscience at Boston College, then switched majors to English with a minor in secondary education during his sophomore year. His interest in education was inspired by his high school track and cross country coaches, who pushed him as an athlete, person, and student. During his junior and senior years in college, Mr. Carroll developed his philosophy of education, which centered around student relationships designed to promote excellence in all facets of student development. Mr. Carroll graduated from Boston College in 1999 with a Bachelors of Arts in English and earned his secondary teaching certificate from the State of Massachusetts.

Prior to beginning his teaching career, Mr. Carroll worked with middle school students at Camp Moosilauke in Orford, NH. There, he coached basketball and led hiking trips in the White Mountains and canoeing trips along local lakes and the Connecticut River. His experiences at the camp allowed Mr. Carroll to refine his teaching philosophy while reinforcing his belief in the education of the whole person. While at Camp Moosilauke, Mr. Carroll started the One Mile Club and assisted in facilitating the Moose Bears, a daily swim at sunrise.

Mr. Carroll has spent all 19 years of his teaching career in Anne Arundel County. From August 1999 through June 2006, he taught English at Glen Burnie High School while also coaching cross country and track. Mr. Carroll was an inaugural member of the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Site Team and was a member of the school's Business Advisory Board. He also sponsored the Student of the Month initiative at Glen Burnie High School.

At the conclusion of the 2005-2006 school year, Mr. Carroll transferred to South River High School. After a year in the English department, he accepted the position of AVID Site Coordinator. Under his tenure, the program grew from four sections to ten sections with over 95% of students pursuing a post-secondary education degree path. After six successful years guiding AVID, Mr. Carroll moved into South River's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) department as a project-based learning and English teacher. For the 2016-2017 school year, he served as the interim department chair for STEM. Mr. Carroll believes that the STEM mission of providing a meaningful, relevant education centered around empathy, collaboration, and character development fits his educational goals perfectly. Mr. Carroll is the faculty advisor to the student-led STEM Advisory Board and serves on the Principal's Leadership Team. He is the head cross country coach and the distance coach for track and field. During his coaching career, the cross country and track programs have enjoyed their best seasons in program history. Mr. Carroll believes that athletics provides a powerful vehicle to help students excel in all of their pursuits. A particularly proud moment for him was to introduce several of his South River athletes to his high school cross country and track coach at the New Balance National Track Championship in Greensboro, NC.

The son of Thomas Matthew Carroll and Jane Louis Carroll, Josh currently lives in Baltimore, MD, and enjoys the many cultural, entertainment, and educational opportunities of city life. An ardent traveler, Mr. Carroll has visited 43 states and seven Canadian provinces. Upon completion of his teaching career, he hopes to photograph the world.

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