

**Boot Camp for Aspiring Principals (APs):
Preparing to Lead a School Improvement Process
Pilot Course – September – October 2020**

Dr. Deborah E. Jones, "DJ" – Facilitator

AP Pilot Boot Camp Testimonials

I loved taking the Aspiring Principal's class with DJ! After signing up for the class, I found myself in an anxiety filled school year with the pandemic. I considered not participating in the class, but eventually decided I would. It was the right decision! Everything in the class: the live sessions, assignments, and individual coaching sessions (my favorite!) reframed my thinking from simply assisting my principal to being prepared to lead a school as the principal. If you are teetering with your decision to take the class or not, DO IT! I am so glad I did! Thank you, DJ, you're the BEST!!!

S. Rogers, AP-- Wayne County Public Schools

This was truly a valuable experience! Not only did I get to meet and hear from administrators around the state, but this Bootcamp encouraged me to take a deep look at my practice, my aspirations, and what steps I am taking to be prepared when my aspirations become realities. I feel more focused and in-tune with my practice and preparedness to undertake a school leadership role.

Thank you, Dr. DJ and Super Leaders!

B. Hayes, AP Winston Salem Forsyth County Schools

When I started this journey, I was not sure what I would get from it. I was not sure I would even enjoy this professional development. Now that I am at the end, I was wrong. I now feel after working with Dr. Jones that I have a purpose. That purpose is to lead. I have been pushed out of my comfort zone to ultimately make myself a great leader. She stated there was something she saw in me and that I always need to be prepared for the next move in my life. I will take all the tools learned in this program to better myself and those around me.

Thank You Dr. Jones.

R. Marshall, AP – Guilford County Schools

This Boot Camp is the perfect program to prepare yourself to become a principal. Dr. DJ helped me see things in a different light that I can use to help students succeed and my teachers grow. The best feature was the coaching session because you were able to ask questions and gain a wealth of knowledge.

T.Presley, AP Wayne County Public Schools

If you are currently an assistant principal and are not sure if you are ready for a principalship, then I highly recommend participating in “The Aspiring Principals Boot Camp” facilitated by Dr. Deborah Jones. This online course is the guidance that all assistant principals need. It helped to build my confidence in my everyday decision making. The class sessions, assignments, and resources were all relevant to my current work, and most of all, it helped me get to know and validate myself. I thoroughly enjoyed the one-on-one coaching sessions with Dr. Jones because she addressed my individual needs and helped me plan my next steps. The wisdom and expertise shared throughout this course have been one of a kind. I really benefited and enjoyed and would attend again if afforded the opportunity.

T. Cooper, AP Wayne County Public Schools

If you want genuine conversations about what it means to be an administrator in today’s schools, take this course with Dr. J. She defines what an AP truly does on a daily basis AND, most importantly, what an AP should be doing to prepare for their own school. Honest and candid discussions highlight the course focusing on the challenges and the imperatives for aspiring principals.

C. Watson-Hollar, AP/Teacher – Wayne County Public Schools

This AP Boot Camp was instrumental in properly preparing me for the next steps of my career in educational leadership. The coaching sessions were tailored with each participant in mind...Dr. Jones made me aware of my personal strengths as an aspiring administrator and gave great coaching advice as to how to sharpen my skills that weren't as strong. The course was filled with quality instructional, managerial and supervisory skills to aide in preparation for optimal performance in educational leadership. I'm so grateful for the chance given to me to attend this program and I plan to use what privilege to me!
Sincerely,

T. Langston-Thompson, Lead Teacher – Wayne County Public Schools