

Stacey Locke, Severna Park High School's Business, Partner of the Year 2018

Stacey Locke, formally of UMD's computer science department and current Vice President of University of Virginia's College Foundation has been an integral member of the Severna Park High School's Business, Innovation, and Leadership Signature Community Stakeholder's Team, serving as its chair, for three years. Under her leadership, the Signature program has grown into a school-wide successful program which enhances student achievement, provides real-world opportunities, and prepares students for the 21st century workforce. Stacey has provided mentoring for student run businesses and competitions, curriculum development, and travel experiences. Using her immense networking capabilities, she was instrumental in organizing a cross country trip to San Francisco & Silicone Valley, where students experienced innovative corporate work environments such as Google, Facebook, twitter, & Autodesk as well as experiencing West Coast culture. In the words of one of the student participants, "I didn't really know what I wanted to do in life, but I think I have a much better understanding." "The trip was life changing."

Stacey is not only concerned about student success but she is also committed to teacher excellence. She was advantageous in developing a training program where SPHS teachers visit area businesses and learn current work trends and skills. The teachers are able to connect what they learn to their content areas, thus truly making learning relevant and real; preparing their students for future success.

With her innovative spirit and vision, she has been a driving force that has helped in the continued successful development of our school's Signature program. The mentoring and guidance she provides students enable them to make the dreams that they thought impossible, possible. She truly cares about the education of our youth and cultivates the next generation of leaders. Through Stacey Locke's partnership students are able to find their passion and gain experience to last a life-time.