

2018 Panelists for the New Charter School Leaders Institute



**Central Wake Charter High School (Raleigh - 2016)**

*Principal:* Tom Hanley

*Mission Statement:* We help at-risk students earn a standard high school diploma and prepare for post-secondary success.

*Grade Levels Opened With:* 9 - 12      *Grade Levels in 2018-19:* 9 - 12

*School's Educational Focus:*      *Students as of May 2018:* 200

The school was developed to ensure that every student in Wake County and surrounding areas had a second opportunity to achieve to his or her potential and reach his or her goal of graduation and post-secondary success. Identified gaps in content knowledge are addressed through intensive remediation using teacher-directed approaches, technology-enhanced activities, and offline resources and materials.

*Unique School Fact:*

Central Wake High School is an accredited tuition-free public high school serving students ages 16 to 21 who prefer a non-traditional learning environment with flexible scheduling options. Students are given the choice to enroll in the session that best fits their personal schedule.

**Coastal Preparatory Academy: A Challenge Foundation Academy (Wilmington – 2017)**



*Interim Head of School:* Jamie Getz

*Mission Statement:* Coastal Preparatory Academy is dedicated to improving the lives of its students by providing authentic learning experiences in a collaborative, nurturing environment that will build a foundation for students' success in school, at future work, and in life.

*Grade Levels Opened With:* K - 6      *Grade Levels in 2018-19:* K - 7

*School's Educational Focus:*      *Students as of May 2018:* 480

The school aims to create a life-long love of learning for its scholars with Core Knowledge Curriculum and Singapore Math combined with hands-on activities, flexible student-centered classrooms, and opportunities for outside play and domain-integrated projects.

*Unique School Fact:*

The school is one of a few charters in southeastern NC and it focuses on C.O.M.P.A.S.S. Core Values and socio-emotional wellness.



**Emereau: Bladen (Elizabethtown – 2017)**

*Executive Director:* Kate Alice Dunaway

*Mission Statement:* At Emereau, we illuminate to embark; we investigate to discover; we innovate to transform; we cultivate to sustain; we celebrate to thrive - realizing the potential within us - we graduate.  $E=i^3c^2g!$

*Grade Levels Opened With:* K - 6      *Grade Levels in 2018-19:* K - 7

*School's Educational Focus:*      *Students as of May 2018:* 300

Emereau's educational focus is reflected in its Formula for Greatness:  $E=i^3c^2g!$  The school's environment showcases collaborative learning communities utilizing Daily Five and Math Three; Core Knowledge Curriculum to extend the NC Standard Course of Study; and significant attention to Visual Arts, Healthy Living/Physical Education, Music, Band, Spanish, and MakerSpace.

*Unique School Fact:*

The students and team wear white lab coats as part of the uniform. While worn many school days, the lab coats are worn each Friday as the school provides additional opportunities for Project Learning Tree and STEAM initiatives.

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**Ignite Innovation Academy - Pitt (Greenville – 2016)**

*Assistant Principal:* Matthew Lococo

*Mission Statement:* The mission of Ignite Innovation Academy is to ignite, inspire, and promote a positive learning environment where all children can learn and be successful socially, emotionally, and academically.

*Grade Levels Opened With:* K - 6                      *Grade Levels in 2018-19:* K - 7

*School's Educational Focus:*                      *Students as of May 2018:* 233

The school is a Core Knowledge, technologically-rich school. The focus is on individualized learning utilizing the station rotation learning format.

*Unique School Fact:*

This school is the most economically and racially diverse in Pitt County.



**UpROAR Leadership Academy (Charlotte – 2017)**

*Executive Director:* Genesia Newsome

*Mission Statement:* To develop leaders of tomorrow within a structured quasi-military environment; focused on character development, high academic standards, and post-secondary readiness.

*Grade Levels Opened With:* 5 - 8                      *Grade Levels in 2018-19:* 5 - 9

*School's Educational Focus:*                      *Students as of May 2018:* 135

UpROAR provides students with a rich and diverse learning environment. The unparalleled teaching methods, which includes Socratic Seminar, helps to launch students into their successful future of secondary learning, military, and/or the workforce.

*Unique School Fact:*

What makes UpROAR unique is the military culture which includes the two-week leadership training on a military installation. This helps with discipline and showing something different in life, which minimizes disruption of the learning environment. Cadets' confidence is boosted and a display of teamwork is evident.