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1. How long have you been at your school and what makes you committed to working with High Point students?

I have been working at Johnson Street Global Studies School for 15 years. I enjoy being a part of a wonderful school. I live in High Point and my children have attended school in High Point. Over the years, it's has been very rewarding to see former students grow and thrive in the community.

2. What's your most memorable moment as an educator?

A memorable moment as an educator was during my first-year teaching and my student Kimberly gave me a stuffed animal for Christmas. The teddy bear looked like it had been around for years and probably needed to go the wash, but it was the joy and excitement on her face when she gave it to me that made it so special. When I think of that moment I smile because it reminds me of the heart of a child.

3. What inspired you to become an educator?

I wanted to become a teacher because I value education and believe that it can change lives. I was a first-generation college student, and education opened many doors for me. I wanted to give back the support and encouragement I received as a student, so I became a teacher.

4. What's the best part about every day?

After a long day, I like to relax and reset. That could be spending time with family and friends, sitting and reflecting on how the day went, or taking a nap!

5. Do you have a classroom motto or philosophy you abide by? Why?

I encourage my students to be kind, work hard and never give up! I believe these principles are keys to success.

6. What would you like your students to remember about being in your class?

I would like my students to remember that my class was a place where they were valued, loved, supported and believed in every day. I hope they remember that they can do great things.

7. Is there any other information you would like us to share? What kind of support do you need from the High Point community?

Thank you for taking the time to celebrate High Point Schools.