



Jeannine A.H. Payne
Recipient of the 2025
Women for Greater Philadelphia - BETTE YOUNG AWARD

Dr. Payne is currently serving as the proud principal of Strawberry Mansion High School. Returning to Strawberry Mansion has been a very meaningful Sankofa moment as she was first appointed here as a biology teacher in 1999, and served with her father Gerald Hendricks who served the school community as a Physical Education/ Health teacher and Athletics coach. During her 25 year District tenure Dr. Payne has previously served as the principal of Julia Reynolds Masterman, Richard Wright, and Edward Gideon.

At the conclusion of her leadership of Julia R. Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School during the 2023-24 school year. Masterman was ranked by US news and World Reports as the #4 public high school in Nation, and the #1 High School And Middle School in the State of Pennsylvania. As the Principal at Richard Wright Elementary School (2015-2021) Richard Wright became a Mayor's Office of Education designated Community School, moved from "Intervene" to "Watch" on the School Progress Report (SPR) and was recognized by Great Philly Schools as a school of High Academic Growth with a three-year average growth index in English/Language Arts.

In addition to serving the School district of Philadelphia Dr. Payne also attended Julia R. Masterman and graduated from Central High School (251!) Dr. Payne expresses great appreciation for the Predominantly African American Educational communities that she had the privilege of attending beginning with Ivy Leaf School in Philadelphia and advancing through to Xavier University of Louisiana.

In continuation and recognition of her ongoing learning, development, and achievement in education she has been acknowledged by: The Schoolman's Club Philadelphia Chapter, The Academy of School Leaders- 2019 Member of Neubauer Fellowship Cohort 5