



## MRS. ALYSSA CARR TRAILBLAZER AWARD

A two-time graduate of the Florida State University College of Education, Mrs. Alyssa Carr received her B.S. in English Education in 2014 and her M.S. in Curriculum and Instruction in English Education in 2018. As an Undergraduate, she was featured in the Student Spotlight section of the 2013 F.S.U. College of Education TORCH Magazine. That same year she presented research on Young Adult Literature at the Undergraduate Research Symposium. During her junior and senior year as an undergraduate, she was the president of F.S.U.'s student affiliate of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), and was an accepted presenter at the 2014 Annual Professional Development Conference.

Since graduating in 2014, Mrs. Carr has been a 10th and 11th Grade Honors and General English Language Arts Teacher at Amos P. Godby High School. During her tenure, Mrs. Carr has been the 10th Grade Team Leader and has been utilized as a teacher trainer and curriculum developer in the district as an Instructional Leader. As an Instructional Leader, Mrs. Carr has helped modify textbook curriculum assessments and pacing guides to help meet the needs of District students and requirements of State Standards, hosted multiple instructional learning walks in her classroom to showcase teaching methods, and trained colleagues on data collection software. She was also an administrator for a community partnership grant with Tallahassee's Southern Shakespeare company.

What is most important about Mrs. Carr is her every day work with students. Teaching in some of Tallahassee's neediest schools with some of the most economically and academically disadvantaged students is a path few take. Mrs. Carr recognizes that rigorous standards mean nothing if kids can't function as citizens of our community and nation. She is relentless in her mission to provide the best possible education for the students who need it most.

Mrs. Carr lives in Tallahassee, Fla. with her husband, Mr. Kyle Carr, also a teacher at Amos P. Godby High School. They are expecting their first child in fall 2018.