



News Release

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Science teacher Diana Price named Bridges Prep Teacher of the Year 2017-2018

Diana Price, an experienced science teacher in her first year at Bridges Prep, brings determination and compassion to the classroom – and now she brings the title of Bridges Prep Teacher of the Year.

Members of the Bridges Prep Board of Directors, Interim Head of School Chris Wilson and Interim Assistant Head of School Dr. Sherri Herbst surprised Price in the Upper School lunchroom Tuesday with the award.

“Diana Price finds ways to connect with each student, and she works hard to make sure each student learns something in her classroom, even if science isn’t their strong suit,” Board Chair Dee Matthews said. “It’s a special gift and we are so pleased to have her at Bridges.”



As Bridges Prep’s Teacher of the Year, Price’s next step will be to submit paperwork for the S.C. Charter School District statewide Teacher of the Year. Her teaching peers at Bridges Prep voted her as the school’s Teacher of the Year.

“From her first week in the Upper School at Bridges, we could all tell we had something special in her,” Wilson said. “We expect more great things from her and from all her students because of the magic in her classroom.”

Price earned her bachelor's degree in secondary education and a Master's of Science in biological sciences at Clemson University.

"I recognize that all of my students are at different levels in their learning," Price said. "Some are great speakers, others are talented at designing things, and some are clever with numbers. I have a duty to all students as they enter my classroom to recognize their potential, embrace their strengths, and work on developing their weaknesses.

"It is my end goal," she said, "that all of my students I have the honor to teach leave my classroom knowing three significant things: They are capable, they are loved, and they should never stop learning."

She began her teaching career at her alma mater, Paul M. Dorman High School in Spartanburg. While there, she was chosen to travel to USC Bluffton over the summer of 2013 to earn certification to teach Project Lead the Way: Principles of Biomedical Science. After two school years, her husband's job moved them to the Charlotte area, and she began teaching physical science to freshmen at York Comprehensive High School.

A deep desire to be close to the ocean motivated her and her husband to move to Beaufort, she said. At Beaufort High, she taught Anatomy & Physiology Honors, Anatomy & Physiology College Preparatory, and Principles of Biomedical Sciences. She also served as a co-sponsor for Health Occupation Students of America for the 2016-2017 school year.

Price joined Bridges Prep in 2017. At Bridges, she teaches Earth Science, Biology, Anatomy & Physiology, and STEM. She is bringing the National Honor Society to Bridges and jumped into the role of treasurer for the Bridges Parent Teacher Organization.

Bridges Preparatory School was chartered by South Carolina in mid-2012 and opened at near capacity in August 2013. Since then, enrollment has doubled, with about 700 students enrolled in K-10 this year; for 2018-19, Bridges will add 11th grade. School leaders are preparing to build a K-12 full-service campus in Port Royal off Robert Smalls Parkway.

As a state charter school, Bridges Prep is open to all students in the Lowcountry without tuition. Bridges Prep follows the Paideia principles of education: All children can learn and therefore they all deserve the same quality of schooling, not just the same quantity; and the quality of schooling to which they are entitled is what the wisest parents would wish for their own children, the best education for the best being the best education for all.

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