



# Biography: Sharon Duplantier

## 2016 Cohort Alumna

Currently a Leadership Coach with Big Rock Educational Services and coach school leaders in Dallas ISD, Beaumont ISD, and Banquete ISD.

Sharon started her career in education almost 20 years ago in the charter corps of Teach for America in Philadelphia, where she taught 5th, 6th, and 7th grade in both North and South Philadelphia. She then returned to her native New Orleans to teach in post-Katrina public schools and was a 4th, 5th, and 6th grade Math teacher. In 2012, she moved to Dallas and began her journey as a school leader, first working as an Instructional Dean, where she led the school to become IB authorized and then quickly transitioning to be the Academic Director of Uplift Hampton Preparatory Middle School and then the founding Director of Uplift Gradus Preparatory, a Primary school in DeSoto, TX that serves PK-5th grade.

In her current role as a Leadership Coach, Sharon partners with BRES schools and district clients to assist them in achieving their academic & district goals by implementing and maintaining effective school systems.

During her time as a school leader, Sharon was selected to be a member of the first cohort of the Principal Impact Collaborative and now serves on their Alumni Council. She also serves as a DEI Facilitator for Teach for America. Sharon is committed to educational equity and works to dismantle systemic racism in schools and other institutions through activism and education. Prior to her work in education, Sharon was a Grants Manager for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Denver, CO.

Sharon is a proud graduate of Howard University in Washington, DC, where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in African American Studies and a Master's Degree in Elementary Curriculum and Instruction. While at Howard, Sharon was initiated into Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Phi Beta Kappa.

In her time away from work, Sharon is committed to self-care and enjoys exercise, traveling the globe, and spending time with family and friends.