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"To Prepare Students for Their Futures."

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Professional Biography

Cicely Woodard an experienced teacher-leader who has served in a wide variety of roles including as a middle school math teacher and as an adjunct instructor at *Vanderbilt University* and *Lipscomb University*. Cicely was a member of the inaugural National Public Education Foundation Teacher Cabinet, the Tennessee Teacher Advisory Council, the Tennessee Assessment Task Force, and coordinator of the Tennessee Educator Fellowship with the *State Collaborative on Reforming Education* (SCORE).

Cicely is a 2017 state level finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching and a 2018 Greater Nashville Alliance of Black School Educators award winner. She is currently serving as the 2018 Tennessee Teacher of the Year.

Lessons Learned

- Students need to know that you care.
- Building positive relationships is the foundation for helping students to grow and learn.
- Teachers are leaders.

Favorite Resources

- **Mathematical Mindsets** by Jo Boaler
  Unleashing students' potential through creative math, inspiring messages and innovative teaching. — https://tinyurl.com/yahjub4g

- **Kagan Cooperative Learning** by Spencer and Miguel Kagan
  Today's most successful cooperative learning methods. Schools have used these practices to boost academics, close the achievement gap, improve student relations, and create a more kind and caring school community. — https://tinyurl.com/y745e4er

- **Interactive Math Notebooks** series
  A resource that will guide you through setting up, creating, and maintaining interactive notebooks for skill retention in the classroom. Students will learn organization, color coding, summarizing, and other important skills while creating personalized portfolios. — https://tinyurl.com/y8ktudkj

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