



MAIN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for being a part of the PLA and Main Preparatory Academy family. We know this school year has brought many surprises and challenges for our families and scholars. Through it all, we have had a great transition back to school and we look forward to greater things to come.

We announced today that Ms. Holthaus, our Principal, is leaving Main Prep to pursue other opportunities in education. We thank her for her commitment to our schools, our teachers and our scholars. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors. I will pick up the baton in her absence and continue to lead the Main Prep family in collaboration with our incredible staff and our PLA instructional specialist. I have attached my bio and contact information for you. While we work to fill Ms. Holthaus' shoes, please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you need anything at all.

My goal will be to continue to work closely with scholars and teachers so that our school and scholars don't miss a beat. Good instruction will continue. We will continue to make our school a safe and loving place for our students; and we look forward to getting to know you individually to continue to meet your needs as well as the needs of our scholars.

To support this transition, we will host two virtual meetings for parents. If you have any questions or concerns or if you'd just like to check-in and chat, please do not hesitate to join us. Our parent Coffee & Chat will take place on Friday, November 13th 9:30-10:30 am. We will host a second Virtual Parent Snack & Chat on Monday, November 16th from 5pm-6pm. Click the Zoom meeting room link: <https://phalen.info/MainParents> to join. You can also [click here to set up some one-on-one time with me](#).

At Phalen Leadership Academies, we strive to stay true to our core value of putting Children First. We look forward to continuing to serve our families, giving our scholars the best in education. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at ccornelius@phalenacademies.org. You can also call our main office at 234.738.1925. Otherwise, I hope to see you at our parent meetings as well as during scholar drop-off.

Highest Regard,

CaLeathiea Cornelius

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PLA/Main Preparatory Academy
Regional Director



Meet

Ohio Regional Director **MRS. CALETHIA CORNELIUS**

I am committed to ensuring that all of our scholars, families, and community establish strong connections that work together to improve learning and school culture. Driven to help scholars overcome the barriers that may impact their learning, I firmly believe that success in education is first established by building relationships. It is an honor to serve as Regional Director to collaborate with school leaders, staff, and stakeholders to decrease the achievement gap by recognizing the potential in every scholar.

Family Life



I am the proud mother of two amazing children, Cailynne, a sophomore, and Camerin, a sixth-grader. I am originally from Akron, Ohio and relocated to Tampa after my father graduated from the University of Akron. I am excited to return to my home state and continue working to improve the education for students.



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PLA's Core Value **CHILDREN FIRST**

'WHAT'S BEST FOR STUDENTS' ARE FOUR WORDS THAT I STRIVE TO PLACE AT THE FOREFRONT OF EVERY EDUCATIONAL DECISION. THAT MAY SOMETIMES MEAN, THAT AS ADULTS, WE HAVE TO WORK OUTSIDE OF OUR COMFORT ZONES. HOWEVER, DOING WHAT IS BEST FOR SCHOLARS MAKES DECISION MAKING VERY SIMPLE.

Education and Experience

With over a decade of experience in education and leadership, Cornelius has served in various roles including: 7th and 8th grade Language Arts Teacher; Yearbook and Journalism Teacher; Writing Coach; New Teacher Instructional Mentor; District Curriculum Writer for Language Arts; District Coordinator for Grants and Federal Programs with a focus on Title I Part A, Parent and Family Engagement, and Title I Part C; District trainer for College Board Springboard ELA curriculum; and most recently, PLA Instructional Specialist for the Florida Region. Prior to joining PLA, Cornelius served as an ELA teacher at an under-performing school and successfully improved the school grade rating from a D to a C, removing it from turnaround status. In 2012, she was named the Ida S. Baker's Diversity Educator of the Year for Mann Middle School. In 2014 she was recognized as Van Buren Middle School's Teacher of the Year.

Cornelius holds a degree in Educational Leadership from Western Governors University; a Bachelor's in English Education from the University of South Florida; a 6-12 English Certification; and an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Certification.

