



# Thea Bowman Leadership Academies

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Dear Thea Bowman MS/HS Families,

Happy New Year! We look forward to welcoming everyone back from break to what is going to be a wonderful second half of the school year. We are also excited to welcome a new member to our team who will support Thea Bowman MS/HS as Assistant Principal. Mrs. Kisha M. J. Lang starts with us this week!

Mrs. Lang brings 20+ years of dedication and service in education. We look forward to what she will bring to Thea Bowman Leadership Academies as we continue to work to offer our scholars the best education and learning opportunities possible.

With over two decades of experience in education, Mrs. Lang is very passionate about educating our youth and young adults. Her ultimate goal is to help create a pathway through high school and a post-secondary plan to college, military service and/or a career. For 17 years, Mrs. Lang taught in three Chicago Public Schools on the west and south sides of Chicago. She coached volleyball and softball at her alma mater for 16 years. She has served in educational leadership for 11 years as a Principal, Assistant Principal, Dean of Students, Director of Operations, and Turnaround Administrator. Lang is also very active in her church and her local community. Please find her full bio attached.

Mrs. Lang will be here to meet with staff on January 6th at 1pm. We are also working to schedule a snack and chat with our families and scholars. Please join us as we welcome Mrs. Lang to the Thea Bowman family and share with her your aspirations and goals for the future.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at 219.944.3100, come visit the office or email me at [msimmons@theabowmanacademy.org](mailto:msimmons@theabowmanacademy.org). My doors are always open for you.

Thank you for all that you do. I hope you are ready for this new year! Working together, the best is yet to come.

Educationally yours,

*Marisa Simmons*

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K-12 Principal



# Meet

## Thea Bowman MS/HS Assistant Principal

# MRS. KISHA M.J. LANG

I am extremely excited and enthusiastic to collaborate and assist Thea Bowman scholars and staff. I plan to be a hands-on colleague with a shared vision to accomplish our goals and expectations. My personality is a helper and a giver. As a team player, I will be honored to continue to build community engagement while fostering partnerships with local organizations and businesses. I will stay motivated, determined, and promote mutual respect. Let's Keep TBLA Rising! -Lang

### Family Life



Mr. and Mrs. Lang have an 18 year old daughter, Princess Isis Z. Lang, who is headed to college next year.

Lang is an active member of Salem Baptist Church of Chicago where she serves as Dance Minister. She is also a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the 4th Senate District Women's Committee.

### Education and Experience

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### PLA's Core Value

## CHILDREN FIRST

**"CHILDREN FIRST HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY MOTTO AS AN EDUCATOR. MY PASSION IS TEACHING STUDENTS HOW TO BE LIFELONG LEARNERS AND BEING THE BEST "YOU" YOU CAN BE. BE ORIGINAL, BE YOURSELF. THERE IS ONLY ONE OF YOU, UNIQUE AND BEAUTIFULLY MADE. MY SOUL PURPOSE IN LIFE IS TO EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN AND ALLOW THEM TO CREATE A PATHWAY THAT WILL UPLIFT THEM TO BE PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS IN OUR WORLD TODAY."**



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