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# Who is Daphne?

# Ms. Fulson



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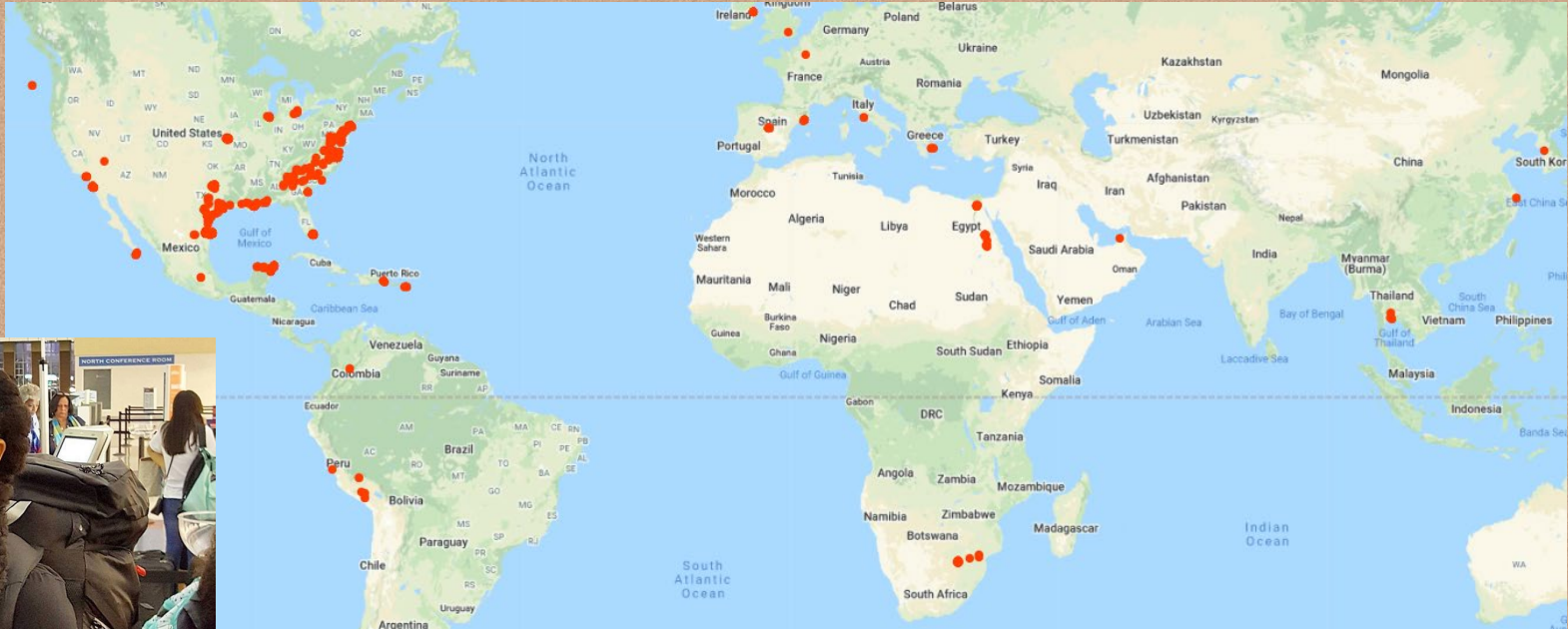
sister



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an explorer

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The 2022 Virginia State  
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# Who is Daphne?



Daphne Tamara Fulson

STATE: VIRGINIA  
SCHOOL: PORTLOCK PRIMARY  
SUBJECT: ENGLISH, READING, WRITING,  
SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, SOCIAL  
EMOTIONAL LEARNING, PHONICS  
GRADE LEVEL: 2

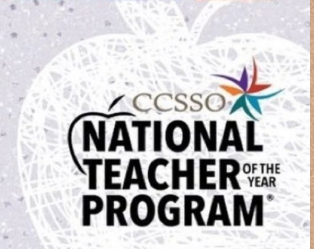


## Biography

Daphne Tamara Fulson is a bilingual second-grade teacher at Portlock Primary School in Chesapeake, Virginia. She earned a Bachelor of Arts from Old Dominion University (ODU), with a double major in communications and Spanish education and a double minor in social welfare and English. She holds an endorsement in English as a second language and elementary education. Ms. Fulson's passion for cultural and linguistic diversity is shown through her studies at La Universidad Veritas in Costa Rica, where she served as an international global ambassador and at Via Lingua in Peru, where she served as an English as a foreign language instructor. In the spring of 2022, Ms. Fulson will earn a Master of Science in educational leadership with a concentration in administration and supervision from ODU. Each summer, Ms. Fulson continues her work as a catalyst for diversity, equity and inclusiveness in her role as a content and pedagogy facilitator for Teach For America. She takes pride in traveling around the globe to provide educational opportunities to all students. She once raised \$5,000 as a youth education activist and guest speaker at the Nelson Mandela Square in Johannesburg, South Africa. Her pedagogical priority is to facilitate an environment where diverse and differentiated, culturally responsive practices are used to deliver antiracist, high rigor, and trauma informed instruction that promotes moral values, self-confidence and self-esteem in students, guiding them to collaborate, communicate, think critically and act independently as productive, problem-solving citizens of society. Ultimately, she wants liberatory educational equity for all students!



2022  
STATE TEACHERS  
OF THE YEAR



A Member of the 2022 National Teacher of the Year Cohort



an ally



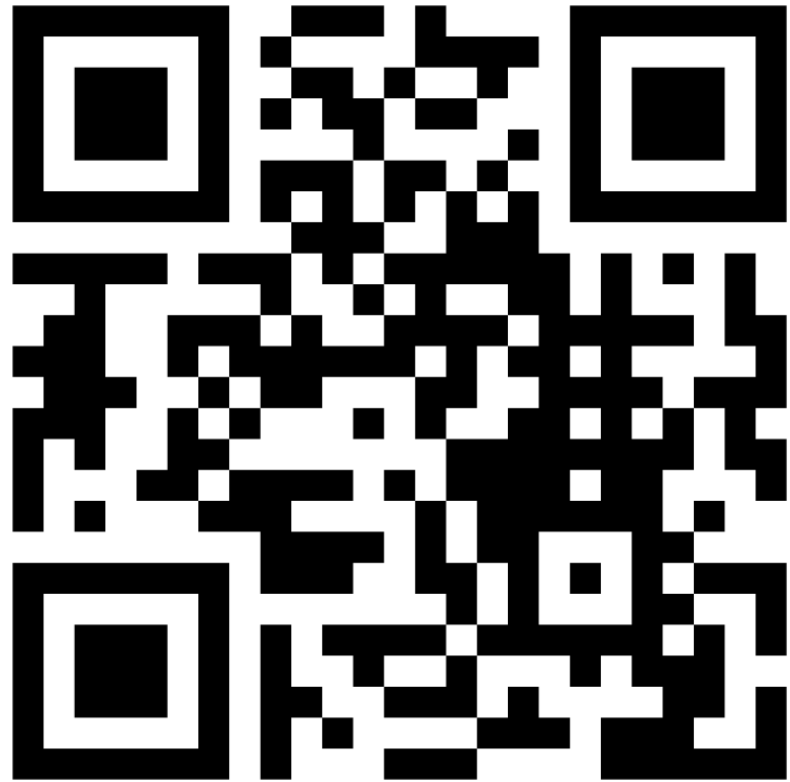
an encourager

mommy





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01

# Be Authentic

with yourself and others bringing your  
multiple intersectionalities into the  
classroom with you

02

# Build Relationships

with your students



with your parents and community

with your faculty and staff

# 03

## Grant

# Yourself Grace

We're not aiming for perfection, we're aiming for proficiency and progress.



**THAT FACE TEACHERS MAKE**



**WHEN STUDENTS ACT UP DURING AN  
OBSERVATION**

[meme-generator.net](http://meme-generator.net)

We've all  
been  
there!





04

Keep

Your Cup Full

Find ways to pour into yourself  
and keep yourself hydrated.



# 05

## Stay Grounded in Positivity and stay Grounded in Your Why

Your babies need you!



# 06

## Closing and Staying Connected

My sense of urgency in this educational work  
is equally matched by my favorite quote -

*“¡No dejes para mañana lo que puedas hacer  
hoy!”*

- which translates to,

“Don’t leave for tomorrow what you can do  
today!”



# Thanks!

Let's Stay Connected!



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