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Taylor Named a #WhatWomenBring Nominee

Charleston, SC – Erica Taylor, Charleston County School District's (CCSD) Chief of Staff, was named the 2019 Educator Nominee by the YWCA of Greater Charleston.

Lavanda Brown Executive Director of the YWCA announced the 2019 #WhatWomenBring honorees March 20, 2019.

In the spring of 2018, YWCA of Greater Charleston brought a new, powerful event for professional women to the Charleston area. At the inaugural #WhatWomenBring power lunch at the Charleston Area Convention Center, women who are breaking barriers in 10 different industries were celebrated.

Those women then formed a panel to answer the audience's questions. This powerful panel discussion - a candid conversation among women - was emceed by WCBD News 2 TV anchor Octavia Mitchell and will be again this year. The conversation with the women leaders was a candid discussion about how they got where they are, the challenges they've faced, and their ideas for career growth.

The second annual #WhatWomenBring event is scheduled for May 21, 2019, where Taylor will be among the panelists.

What Taylor loves most about her job is knowing her work impacts the lives of students across Charleston County and prepares them to be successful.

In addition to her impressive educational background - she is currently pursuing a doctorate in addition to all else she does - she serves on the board of directors of the Teacher Supply Closet which provided school supplies and resources to teachers working in Title I schools, and on the board of the Mentoring Program of Charleston. She also serves on the boards of the Trident Urban League and the Charleston Leadership Foundation, and as a member of the Moja Arts Festival Community Advisory Committee.

Among other renowned leadership initiatives, Taylor is a graduate of The Riley Institute's South Carolina Diversity Leaders Initiative at Furman University.

Taylor has been recognized as the 2018 Outstanding Educator of the Year, a South Carolina Education Policy Fellow, a Racial Equity Leadership Network Fellow, and one of the Forty Under 40 by the Charleston Regional Business Journal, 20 Under 20 by Thomas Media Black Expo, and 35 Under 35 by the National School Public Relations Association.

"Last year's inaugural group of dynamic honorees set a very high bar," Brown said. "The #WWB stage will again be filled with stories of inspiration and wise words of counsel."

Taylor is honored to be among these trailblazing women.

"There have been so many women who have made an impact on our nation's history," said Taylor. "Here locally, it is no different. Women all around me are making strides that generations ago were unheard of."

Taylor's career in the education field has opened doors for more up and coming women.

"I have been fortunate in my career which enabled me to prove to other females of my generation and especially women of color, that anything is possible with faith and hard work," said Taylor. "My passion is to open doors to education for all children so that they too can blaze trails."

The public is invited to join the discussion at 11:00 a.m. on May 21. Tickets are on [sale](#) now. Your ticket includes a one-year YWCA Greater Charleston membership, a \$50 value.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools that span 1,000 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 86 schools and specialized programs. With approximately 6,100 employees district-wide, CCSD is the fourth largest employer in the region.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, charter, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), and Montessori schools, and is divided into three Learning Communities. Options include specialized programs in science, engineering and mathematics; liberal arts; music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military and other public service enterprises.