



# *Berlinda N. Mack*

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Greetings Kenneth Gardner Leadership Academy Scholars, Staff, Parents, Guardians, District and Community Stakeholders:

I am proud to be serving as your Principal, Instructional Leader and Student advocate.

I grew up in the Trio Community of Williamsburg County. I am a graduate of the former Williamsburg-Blakely High School and I am the 3<sup>rd</sup> child of six children born to Paul and Della Nesmith. I am an active member of Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Andrews, SC and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

I earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Early Childhood Education from South Carolina State University, a Master's degree in Elementary Education from Southern Connecticut State University, and a Master's of Education in Educational Administration and Leadership from the University of South Carolina.

My 34-year educational career has provided me with extensive experiences as a teacher in New Haven, Connecticut, teacher, instructional coach, Director of Elementary Instruction, Director of Federal Programs, and Principal in Williamsburg County. I am honored to serve as Principal of Kenneth Gardner Leadership Academy and I am thankful for the support of our awesome parents, staff, community and business leaders.

I am a lifelong learner and have completed administrative courses offered through the SC Department of Education such as the Foundations of School Leaders (FSL), Assistant Principal's Program for Leadership Excellence (APPLE), the Institute for District Administrators (IDA), the Principal's Induction Program (PIP), and most recently I completed the School Leadership Executive Institute (SLEI). I have recently been selected to serve on the SCDE's Talent Matters Professional Development Network for Principals and the John Maxwell's iLead Principal's Cohort.

I am married to Wallace G. Mack, Sr. and we have two (2) young adult sons and one (1) fur baby.

So, what's happening at KGLA this year?

This year you will see many new and smiling faces, we will continue to implement district-wide academic initiatives, engaging parents as partners, encouraging opportunities for community partnerships, implementing the John Maxwell's iLead framework, and our scholars will be wearing school uniforms. We are excited to be a part of the iLead Leadership cohort and we look forward to celebrating the success of our young scholars this year.

We ask that you come aboard with us on this first-class journey as "We Take Flight."

*KGLA Mission is to Empower our Scholars to LEAD as they prepare for college, careers, or the workforce.  
"We are Taking Flight"*