

*Maria Garrett*

*Dean of Students – 7th grade*

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*Maria Garrett graduated from the University of Houston - Downtown (UHD) with a B.A. in English. She is continuing her education at Lamar University in pursuit of a M.A. in English with a focus in American Literature. She currently maintains a 3.83 GPA and is highly regarded by the department's faculty members. Even though her primary educational pursuits have been in the English realm, she has a passion for Science and has taken over 18 hours in Nursing pre-requisites.*

*Immediately upon graduation Maria was recommended for a job as a Freshman Admissions Counselor and Recruiter. During this time she had the opportunity to understand college requirements and the admission process. After four years she became the Coordinator of Student Activities. She operated with an approximate \$40,000 budget to create educational and social activities for over 12,000 students, faculty, and staff members.*

*She mentored, advised, and counseled over 50 student and university organizations, in addition to helping create and operate the state initiated African American Male Mentorship Program. After serving four years in this position she definitely felt the need to have more of a direct impact on a student's educational experience. Hence, she entered into the classroom working for the Harmony Public School System as a Pre-AP 9th grade ELA teacher for two years. During her tenure she served as a member of the Campus Improvement Plan, Title I Committee, and as a Faculty Advisor for National Honor Society. She served as the 9th grade Facilitator along with being a coordinator of the Harmony College Acceptance Pep Rally. This was all in addition to being the Assistant Coach for the High School Varsity Volleyball Team.*

*She currently holds certifications in English Language Arts & Reading 8-12. She later pursued additional certifications in English as a Second Language 8-12 and Generalist 4-8.*

*Ms. Garrett is profoundly ecstatic to becoming an educator at Baylor College of Medicine Academy at Ryan Middle School. She will continue to have that same initial desire to have a positive and effective impact with each and every one of its students.*