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Russellville, Arkansas

Video: 2020 Terrel H. Bell Awardee Shavon Jackson

Hello, I'm Shavon Jackson, principal at Crawford Elementary in Russellville, Arkansas. It is an honor and a privilege to receive such a prestigious award. Over the years, leadership has taught me how to truly have a servant's heart. When you put students' needs at the forefront of everything that you do, you learn to serve in ways that you didn't know were possible. Every day, I'm reminded of the powerful influence we have over others. I don't take that responsibility lightly. Each day, I try to lead by example, modeling what I want our teachers, our students, our families, and our community to see. I hope that my actions speak louder than my words. I attribute my leadership success to the amazing leaders that I've had the privilege of working with. I've learned a great multitude of strategies from them and I've carried those with me over the years, and I try to implement what they've taught me. My parents were both educators for over 30 years, and they've certainly influenced my leadership and my life. And I cannot forget my amazing Crawford staff. I learn so much from them every day, just by observing how they work with students, how they work with families, and just how they support the whole child. I look forward to continuing to learn and grow right along side them. Thank you again for this extreme honor.