

The principal of The Year

By Tierra Ola

Duke Bradley is an educator who possesses more than fifteen years of experience. Formally teaching English at two DeKalb County high schools, Dr. Bradley later attended law school. In law school, he went on to obtain a position as a Congressional Intern and directing his attention on education policy, along with working four years as a Legal Studies instructor. Bradley also worked as a Program Coordinator with the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult education. Dr. Duke Bradley now obtains a B.A. in English Literature from Morehouse College, a M.A.T. from Brown University, a law degree from John Marshal law school and a Ph.D. in educational leadership from the University of Southern Mississippi. Recently, Dr. Bradley has served as an Executive Director of Wesley International Academy. Wesley International Academy is an open-enrollment public charter school that operates with Atlanta Public Schools. As a result, Dr. Bradley secured charter renewal, managed Wesley International Academy's re-accreditation process and oversaw the full authorization of the school's International Baccalaureate programs. Due to his leadership, Wesley International Academy earned many honors, including being featured on NBC's Today Show. Dr. Bradley is also a member of The Black Men of Atlanta, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated and is alumni of The United Way of Metro Atlanta's Volunteer Involvement program. Dr. Duke Bradley has set various high standards for education, such as serving as principal of Banneker High School and helping the school greatly increase graduation rates and being removed from the list of top failing schools.