

## **Bio of Dr. Marcus Ware: CFPA Annual Meeting Speaker**

Dr. Marcus Ware is the principal of Windham Middle School (WMS) in Willimantic, CT and has nearly 20 years of experience in K-12 education.

Marcus started his career in Springfield, MA (where he is also a product of the public school system) as a math and science substitute teacher, and has worked in both public and private schools as a science, math, and World Languages teacher.



Before arriving to Windham, Marcus had the opportunity to open a school for urban students from challenging socioeconomic backgrounds. Under his leadership for 6 years at Springfield Commonwealth Academy, he was able to achieve a 100% college acceptance rate for his students.

Now, as principal of Windham Middle School, Marcus combines his love for science, knowledge of World Languages, and drive to be a life-long learner to help motivate his students to take advantage of their educational opportunities.

The partnership between WMS and Goodwin Forest has been great for WMS students. The opportunity that WMS students get to learn about life science in their backyard has been eye-opening for them.

Marcus uses his science background as well as life experiences that he has had growing up in Springfield to relate to his students. Marcus wants his students to know that science is not just what you see in a book but it is also what you see in your everyday life.

Marcus is thankful for the opportunity to lead Windham Middle School, promote out-of-the classroom excursions, and work alongside the educators at Goodwin Forest to make science come to life!