

Executive Director's Address

Welcome to the exciting journey of Riverside Leadership Academy! As the Executive Director, I am honored to share how far we've come and where we are headed. RLA is a free, public charter school built on the foundation of growth—for our scholars, our families, and our community.

Now in our second year of operation, we are thrilled to celebrate extraordinary progress. Our enrollment has grown by nearly 200 additional students, a powerful reflection of the trust families place in our mission and the hard work of our incredible staff. This year also marks the opening of our brand-new K–8 facility, a beautiful and innovative space designed to enhance learning and provide our scholars with the resources they need to thrive.

Our long-term vision remains bold: by 2029, Riverside Leadership Academy will proudly serve grades K–12, offering a full continuum of academic opportunities for students across Craven and the surrounding counties. This growth is a testament to the dedication of our team, the enthusiasm of our scholars, and the unwavering support of our families and community partners.

At the heart of our school is Project-Based Learning (PBL), a dynamic approach that empowers students to engage with real-world challenges, collaborate meaningfully, and showcase their learning with confidence. From the earliest grades, our scholars begin presenting their ideas and solutions, developing communication skills and critical thinking that will serve them for life.

Equally important is our commitment to developing the whole child. Through our Responsive Classroom Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) program, we ensure that our students grow not only as academic achievers but also as compassionate, resilient, and emotionally intelligent individuals. At RLA, we believe success comes from nurturing both the mind and the heart.

As we continue to grow and evolve, our mission remains clear: to provide an innovative, supportive, and holistic education that prepares our scholars for success in school, in leadership, and in life.

Thank you for being a part of the Riverside Leadership Academy story. Together, we are building a brighter future!

With gratitude,

Siobhan Brewer

Executive Director