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Our Founder is a mother, wife, daughter, educator and a current doctoral student. She has made it her mission to be a change agent, dedicated to improving the lives of youth . One day while teaching her eighth grade students, she had a vision. She asked herself, "What if students came to school because they felt safe to express and create?" "What if students were encouraged to produce music and movies, cook like "A Master Chef," sing or write songs, dance, and have pride?" "What if students were given creative outlets but still be academically competitive to enter the global workforce?" From that point on, Our Founder has had a burning desire to bring this vision to fruition in founding GAVPAA STEM. She has been cultivating this dream school for students over the past five years. Building a reimagined, innovative, equity driven school community is her ultimate desire.

"Build A School. Close A Prison." - Victor Hugo

Our Founder attended California State University, Dominguez Hills (B.A.-English); Pepperdine University (M.A.-Secondary Education); National University (Admin. Credential); and Grand Canyon University (current doctoral student). She has made it her business to be a life long learner, always striving to attain more.

Our Founder has spent over 12 years in education as a teacher (grades 6-12) and school administrator (elementary and secondary levels). She has implemented various programs, strategies and improvements to reach historically disenfranchised students. Her creation of Junior Black Achievers (JBA) at the middle school level, was the first of its kind in her district. She was instrumental in making JBA a district wide organization at every middle school. Her love for the visual and performing arts led to her producing the musical, "The Wiz," cultural fashion shows and various stage productions. She became the voice for the voiceless through the very successful "Middle School Student Leadership Conference." This conference galvanized hundreds of middle school students along with their parents to "Wake Up, Rise Up, and Step Up." The Leadership conference provided culturally relevant workshops, uplifting performances and academic affirmations to all that attended. She worked to provide a HBCU College Fair for middle school students. This gave them exposure to otherwise unknown college options. It is her life's purpose to increase the "College Going Culture" of secondary students. Her belief is that students should be exposed to college from the cradle to the mortar board and tassel.

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Our Founder has worked tirelessly, implementing Restorative Justice. She is a firm believer that educators are there to restore students not punish them. Her social justice awareness has always

driven the young equity warrior. She believes strongly in giving every student what they need based on their individual talents and experiences. She has worked tirelessly incorporating Positive Behavior Intervention Systems and uses it to increase the school spirit and overall culture. Her dedication to literacy has led to creating Literacy Nights where every student left with as many free books as they desired. Our Founder has a way of coaching all staff and building capacity within them. She values the input of parents and has consistently provided opportunities for collaboration between home and school. This list is no way exhaustive of the direct impact she has made on students and the communities she serves.

The Founder of Garvey Allen Visual & Performing Arts Academy for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics is a transformational leader committed to eradicating the achievement gap. It is her life's mission to fight for the educational and social injustices of the historically disenfranchised.

Our Founder is taking a stand and knocking down doors to open this state of the art, forward thinking, reimagined school, where she believes, "You must REACH them before you can Teach them."

"The History Maker, Stereotype Breaker, Committed to Purposeful Excellence."