



young preservationist profiles

Dawn Webb Turner

Dawn was a recipient of YPA's Promise Award in 2009. She is a teacher with Pittsburgh Faison Arts Academy.



Dawn Webb Turner's work with YPA during 2009 as a volunteer to develop the Pittsburgh region's first African American history tourguide, as well as her efforts to preserve the National Negro Opera Company first home, and her extensive experience, education, and community involvement made her the ideal candidate to receive the prestigious Promise Award, YPA's award for emerging preservation leadership.



The African American tourguide, "Discover the Legacy," was distributed to more than 5,000 people throughout southwestern Pennsylvania, and beyond.

Dawn is currently a third-grade teacher at Pittsburgh Faison Arts Academy in Pittsburgh's Homewood neighborhood. A Pittsburgh native, she is a graduate of Westinghouse High School.



Dawn received undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Pittsburgh, graduating *Cum Laude*. She has held positions as a Branch Manager for Three Rivers Bank and Assistant Vice President for PNC Bank. She is currently developing the George A. Webb Sr. Learning Institute that will teach financial education and entrepreneurship to elementary-school aged children.

Dawn remains committed to the community and to teaching young people about the value of preserving their history.

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