

Metro Warriors STEM Organization

Lateba Ponder is from Ft.. Washington, Maryland, and holds a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice, from the University of Maryland, College Park campus, and Master's degree in contracts and procurement from the University of Maryland, University College. Currently, Lateba works for the Federal Government as a Paralegal Specialist.

Lateba has a passion for working with young people and actively serves in children's ministries at her church. During the 2014/15 and 2015/16 school years, Lateba acted as team manager for her daughter's Destination Imagination team as they completed at the State and Global level. Lateba was introduced to MWSO when searching for a STEM program for her middle school age daughter. Initially, Lateba started off as an involved parent with MWSO, assisting with First Lego League and Ten 80 Education. Soon she was encouraged to coach robotics, and although she did not have a background in engineering, her excitement for STEM and zeal for teaching led her to accept the role as coach for the VEX IQ program. Lateba also taught after school classes on Intro to Programming at a partnering school.

Lateba understands the true meaning of "Train up a Child in the Way He Shall Go", and knows that STEM, and all it embodies including critical thinking and collaboration are important life skills that will take students very far in any career field. Lateba is looking forward to coaching the advanced VEX IQ team and embarking on a new venture with a VEX VRC team further training our youth in STEM.

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