

Kalila "Nikki" Wilson is a dedicated educator and leader with over two decades of experience in secondary education. A native of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, and a "First Gen" graduate, she attended Charleston County Schools and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education from the University of South Carolina. She holds two master's degrees: a Master of Education in Teaching, Learning, and Advocacy from the College of Charleston and a Master of Education in Secondary Administration from The Citadel Graduate College.

With 16 years as a secondary Physical Education teacher and coach, and over 6 years as an Assistant Principal in the Charleston County School District, Ms. Wilson has a breadth of experience in diverse educational settings, including suburban, Title I, and alternative settings. She has developed and facilitated a variety of dynamic initiatives, including the Minority Girls High Achievers Program, AP Academy Pathways, and the Laing Leaders for Tomorrow.

Known as "Coach Wilson," she was the first Black woman to serve as a Varsity Head Coach at her alma mater, Wando High School, in 2011, leading the Girls Track and Field team to a 4A State Runner-Up finish in 2012. Her commitment to advocacy and leadership is evident in her extensive involvement with the South Carolina Alliance of Black School Educators (SCABSE) as a board member and its local affiliate, SCABSE@Lowcountry, where she currently serves as President.

Ms. Wilson is currently enrolled in the inaugural Doctor of Education cohort at the College of Charleston, where she focuses on learning and inquiry in practice. She is recognized for her ability to build strong relationships with students, families, and colleagues, approaching challenges with empathy and intellectual rigor.