

***Briana DeSha*** born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky, grew up in a family full of educators. Ironically, she always told herself that she would never become a teacher, but she soon discovered that God had other plans for her life. After graduating from Pine Forge Academy, Ms. DeSha transitioned to Oakwood University. Throughout her time at Oakwood, Ms. DeSha began to feel the call to ministry through Christian education and upon completing her first year, she changed her major to Elementary Education.

While at Oakwood, Ms. DeSha had the awesome opportunity to not only share her passion for education by being apart of the Education Club, but was also able to share her love for music by being a valued member of the world-renowned Oakwood University Aeolians. Having the opportunity to travel extensively, Ms. DeSha gained a richer understanding of the beauty of diversity and its instrumental role in the classroom.

After receiving a B.S in Elementary Education with Honorable Mention from Oakwood, she felt lead to teach in the Adventist School System in Columbus, Ohio. There she taught Religion and Science grades 5-8 and was able to share her passion for God in addition to God's passion for them. Being a product of Adventist education, Ms. DeSha strongly believes in its mission and her goal is to ensure that every child she encounters in the classroom will have what it takes to succeed in this world and graduate to the one that God is preparing for them.