



West Chester teacher honored for work in classroom



West Chester teacher Virginia Barbarin in her classroom at Seba Enrichment Academy.

WEST CHESTER — Virginia Barbarin, who teaches Middle School African American History at Chester County's Seba Enrichment Academy, was honored as one of 10 educators from four states for her outstanding work in the classroom.

She was honored at the National Liberty Museum's 14th Annual 'Teacher as Hero' Awards.

Barbarin serves as a mentor or tutor to many students, often providing supplies, at her own expense, to those in need. Her lessons inspire her student and encourage them to strive for excellence as they learn about their history, even if it is hard to face unpleasant truths about the history of slavery.

The Teacher as Hero Award recognizes outstanding educators who represent best practices in teaching and serve as role models to their colleagues and students. The Award winners will become part of a dedicated Museum exhibit for an entire year. Their achievements and inspiring stories will be shared with the tens of thousands of visitors who come to the Museum from across the region and from all over the world. In addition to being celebrated in an exhibit, the winners will receive a family membership to the NLM, a guided tour of the Museum for the teacher's class, the teacher's statement of excellence featured in the NLM's 2020 Teacher as Hero exhibit, and a commemorative glass trophy.

In addition, three winners, selected from the ten winners and announced at the ceremony, in the categories of Service Learning, Driver Education initiatives, and Overall Excellence in Teaching will each receive \$500.

Each of the winning teachers was chosen from among 37 national applications. Fellow educators, school administrators, students and community members nominated the teachers and shared stories of how they each made a positive impact in the community. The winners will be displayed in the NLM's Live Like a Hero Gallery for approximately one year.