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Ms. Carll started teaching in 2001 in Richmond City Public Schools, after completing the Career Switcher program at UVA. Originally a linguist and an editor, Carll wanted to make more of an impact and found her way into the classroom. It was love at first sight. Her grandmother was a teacher, and she should have known that it would only be a matter of time, until the love of teaching ran through her veins.

While she currently teaches at Open High School, she has taught at Thomas Jefferson HS, John Marshall HS, and Community HS throughout her time in RPS. Ms. Carll took a few years sabbatical to raise her daughter, but came back. The pull of the classroom took her in again.

Ms. Carll is endorsed in both English and Spanish. For the first part of her career, she taught from Spanish I to AP Spanish, but recently, after adding the English endorsement, is also teaching Creative Writing, Public Speaking and AP Seminar.

After receiving training at both High Tech High in San Diego, California and PBL training at the Third Annual PBL Institute through Learning Forward Virginia, she has been named the PBL Director at Open High. She has provided bimonthly training to her colleagues in deeper learning project development. Ms. Carll adores creating large, multidimensional projects that allow students to demonstrate both their artistic talents with their intellectual prowess. Ms. Carll has also served as the senior sponsor, chair of the admissions committee, member of the climate and culture committee, and the threat assessment team. In addition, this year, Ms. Carll has become the Family Coordinator, providing socio-emotional support lessons for our teacher-led community circles.

Ms. Carll began the international travel program at Open High School and has taken students to London, Paris, Barcelona, and Costa Rica. Future trips are planned for Greece, Italy,

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and Belize. She also works diligently to provide funding opportunities for these trips so that there is equity in access.

Ms. Carll is extremely involved in the community, having served as a founder of Patrick Henry School for Science and Arts, RVA Opt Out, and working with various advocacy groups. She also works as a translator and advocate for refugee and immigrant families in Richmond. Ms. Carll has been acknowledged as Teacher of the Year at Open High School, District Teacher of the Year Runner-Up, and was awarded an REB Award in 2015.

Ms. Carll plans to attend the 2021-2022 cohort for the M.Ed. in the Educational Leadership at the Graduate School of Education at High Tech High.

She believes that her greatest contributions in teaching have been the relationships that she has made with students, because to her, helping a young person become an inquisitive, passionate, and confident citizen of the world is the most important thing a teacher can do.