

Biographical notes for Elijah Watson

Elijah Watson is the Executive Director and Founder of the S.T.A.R.S. Math and English Academy. In existence since March 2000, S.T.A.R.S. Academy currently provides academic enrichment, life skills training, and mentoring to over 150 students at two sites in Charlotte. Through his leadership, the Academy has provided much-needed academic and enrichment support for students in grades 3-12. The Academy meets after school and on Saturdays in a safe, nurturing environment.

Elijah Watson currently teaches a Career and Technical Education Business class at Ranson Middle School in Charlotte, NC. Previously, Elijah worked in the Trust Operations group of Wells Fargo Bank's Wealth, Brokerage and Retirement Division for 16 years. He earned an M.B.A. degree from Strayer University and a B.A. degree in Finance from Morehouse College. Born and raised in Chicago, IL, Elijah was senior class president and valedictorian of his graduating class at John Marshall Harlan High School. In 2008, former Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory recognized Elijah with the "Charlotte Mentor of the Year Award" for his involvement in the S.T.A.R.S. Academy. Elijah is also an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.