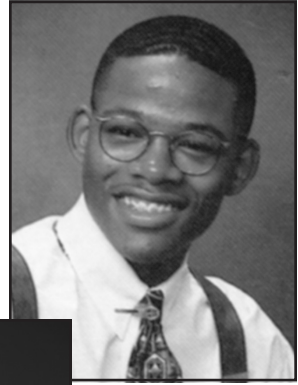


Jim Olyn Triplett Jr.

Class of 1996

Jim Triplett excelled at University City High School but struggled at the University of Missouri - Columbia (Mizzou). In 1999, he dropped out to join the workforce.

His challenges led him to a calling to educate others. He re-enrolled in college, and earned his associate's degree in teaching from St. Louis Community College in 2009, 10 years after leaving Mizzou.



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Triplett Jr.,
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In 2012, he earned his bachelor's degree in early childhood education, with an emphasis in urban education, from Kennesaw State University. He joined Teach For America and was assigned to teach in the St. Louis Public Schools (SLPS).

Triplett taught a classroom of only boys at Gateway Elementary. He looped with the students from third to fifth grade, teaching academics along with life and social skills.

He received awards for his work as a classroom teacher. Later, in preparation for becoming a principal, Triplett graduated from Harvard University's Graduate School of Education, receiving a master's in school leadership.

Triplett currently serves as principal of the Froebel Literacy Academy, a pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade school in SLPS.