



Makeba Story - Carolina Hurricanes

Makeba's hometown team is the Carolina Hurricanes. She teaches 5th grade Math at Fairview Elementary School and has been a teacher for four years. Makeba decided to become a teacher because she truly believes in the power of young people. Makeba believes that the scholars she works with today will be the people who shape the future and she wants to support that journey. Makeba has a passion for helping her students succeed and making a positive impact on their lives.

Sydney Hackley - Chicago Blackhawks

Sydney's hometown team is the Chicago Blackhawks. She is a 7th grade Math and Science teacher at Plano Middle School and has been a teacher for seven years. Sydney was influenced by her second grade teacher to pursue education. Sydney enjoys teaching because she has a passion for working with children and strives to be a driving force in her students' lives. Sydney works hard to build positive relationships with each of her students and curates her classroom so that it feels like home for them.

Amani Ghusein - Chicago Blackhawks

Amani's hometown team is the Chicago Blackhawks. She teaches Pre-K, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 8th grade STEM Lab at Charles Gates Dawes Elementary School and has been a teacher for 19 years. Amani loves teaching because she wants to help shape young minds and instill the love of science in her students. Amani strives to empower the next generation of scientists and innovators through curiosity and independent thinking. Outside of the classroom, Amani actively pursues professional development opportunities and volunteers with community-based organizations.