

Dr. Cheryl Hopson

“Success for me is really based on confidence and knowing what gifts you bring, whatever they are, and then doing all that you can to use them. First, to make a life for yourself but also to create the world that you want to exist in. So success for me is being able to impact, even on a small scale, the world in which we live.”

“My teaching philosophy is about engaging with the people in front of me, regardless of age, regardless of background, and then working with them to see what we can create together. That’s what it’s about, to help them achieve their goals. It’s always about seeing students succeed, and then going just beyond where they think they can go.”

“School is such a joy. I know it’s a lot of work, but it’s really the only opportunity you’re going to get to read books and think about them and have these conversations where people listen to your ideas. I really remind myself and my students that this is a privilege.”

“Write every day. Things are going to get in your way and block you from your goals, but you always have to keep your mind on your end goal. If you are a writer, you never stop writing. It’s a compulsion. I tell my students ‘Write on, right on!’ Always try to find some joy in what you’re doing, otherwise I don’t think there’s any other reason to do it. There has to be pleasure. There’s so much good, and if we can focus on that I think we’re always going in the right direction.”