

A close-up portrait of Dr. Helen Roberts, a woman with shoulder-length, wavy brown hair and bangs. She has light green eyes and is smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing large, gold hoop earrings and a thin necklace with a small pendant. She is dressed in a dark, possibly black, top. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color.

## Dr. Helen Roberts

Dr. Helen Roberts had a vision for what she wanted a high school to be – one with high standards and a variety of thriving students. Based on a year's worth of research and with some help from volunteers, Roberts designed, planned, organized and opened Treasure Coast High School, founded in the 2006-2007 school year. This tough principal is warmed by the improvement she sees in her students, who she says have overcome past academic and social problems to thrive in the school's rigid standards. "I focus on making the people around me as happy as possible and doing what I can to improve others' lives," Roberts says.