

DEEPER INSIGHTS Episode 2: Deeper Networks

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Abby French



Andrea Johnson



Chris Jones

Abigail French is an accomplished presenter, an online instructional coach and mentor, an educational course designer, and a sixth grade teacher at Peter Muhlenberg Middle School in Woodstock, Virginia. She is currently celebrating year twelve in her teaching career with Shenandoah County Public Schools. In addition to teaching, Abby partners with VaLIN and VaSCL to lead schools in implementing performance assessments through the Virginia Assessment Collaborative, as an innovation and social studies content coach. In September, 2020, Abby was selected as an ASCD Class of 2020 Emerging Leader. Through her involvement as a board member with UnisonEDU, a non-profit organization, Abby works to provide equitable professional development to schools. She also advocates for public education and better working conditions for teachers and students as an officer with the Shenandoah County Education Association. Outside of school, Abby enjoys spending as much time as possible with her family, preferably outdoors.

Andrea Johnson is passionate about social-emotional learning, culturally responsive teaching, literacy, and empowering students to explore their life stories and use their voices to become the change they want to see in their communities. Andrea teaches secondary English and is the English department chair at Salem High School with Salem City Schools. She is also the 2020 Virginia Teacher of the Year and a National Board Certified Teacher. Andrea earned a BA from UVA, a MS from VCU, completed the EducateVA Career Switcher Program through the Virginia Community College System, and is currently working on an Ed.D. in Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction from Walden University.

Chris Jones began his education career after serving 6 years in the US Army as an Airborne Ranger. He is now the proud Principal of Thomas Dale High School in Chesterfield County. Prior to his appointment there, he served as a math teacher at Green Run High School in Virginia Beach City Public Schools, a Teacher Leader with the Center for Teacher Leadership, and an Assistant Principal at Sussex Central Elementary School and Floyd E. Kellam High School in VBCPS. In addition to serving as principal, he is adjunct faculty with The George Washington University and a board member for the Virginia Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, where he Chairs the Programs Committee. Dr. Jones is a proud husband and father of four.