

Title	Last Name	First Name	Biographical Information Directions: Please provide biographical information no longer than 50 words
Ms.	Bartolac	Ayla	Ayla Bartolac is a senior teacher candidate attending James Madison University. She is a native of Prince William County, Virginia and she plans on teaching English for middle grades. She loves the idea of using various mediums to teach students and am excited to expose her students to a diverse set of literature in her future classroom.
Dr.	Cancienne	Mary Beth	Mary Beth Cancienne, PhD, is a professor of English education at James Madison University in the Middle and Secondary Education Department in the College of Education. Additionally, she is the Director of Coaching, Curriculum, and Instruction for the Virginia New Teacher Support Program. She teaches high school English methods courses and accompanying high school practicum, curriculum theory, student teaching, and seminars. She has also published in such journals as the <i>Virginia English Journal</i> , <i>Qualitative Inquiry</i> , <i>Theory into Practice</i> , the <i>Journal of Curriculum and Teaching</i>

			<p><i>Dialogue and the Journal of Curriculum Theorizing</i>. Additionally, she co-edited, with C. Bagley, a book and CD-ROM titled <i>Dancing the Data</i> (2002, Peter Lang). In 1999, she co-founded the AERA Arts & Inquiry in the Visual and Performing Arts SIG.</p>
Dr.	Dredger	Katie	<p>Katie Dredger, Ph. D. is the Academic Unit Head of Middle, Secondary, and Mathematics Education at James Madison University and Professor of Adolescent Literacy. She served in Maryland as a public secondary school English Language Arts teacher and instructional coach for 13 years. She lives with her family in Harrisonburg.</p>
Ms.	Frost	Kati	<p>Kati Frost is a Virginia native and veteran English teacher. She currently serves as an English teacher and Department Chair in Henrico County, Virginia. Ms. Frost spent the summer of 2024 at a three week professional learning experience at William Shakespeare's Globe Theater in London.</p>
Mrs.	Golden	Cheryl	<p>Mrs. Golden, warmly known to her students and families as "Mrs. G.," is a National Board Certified Teacher. She has been teaching for over 24 years in grades fourth through tenth. She graduated from Andrews University and</p>

			completed her Masters in Educational Leadership through Walden University.
Mrs.	Johnson	Amy	This school year marks Mrs. Johnson's 28th year as a public educator. While her most recent five years were spent as a high school librarian, twenty two of these years were dedicated to the teaching of English. She spent two decades in Rockingham County Public Schools and now works as an Instructional Coach for Harrisonburg City Public Schools. She completed her undergraduate degree in English and Secondary Education at Bridgewater College and then completed her Masters of Arts in English through George Mason University. Most recently, she earned a degree in Library and Information Studies from ODU.
Mx.	Kimble	Benjamin	Benjamin is a teacher candidate at JMU. They intend to teach English at the high school level. Diversity is important to them and they are always looking for ways to include diverse identities and cultures in their instruction.
Dr.	Lewis	Mark	Mark Lewis is professor of literacy education at James Madison University. His research interests include examining and critiquing representations of adolescence and youth in young adult and adult literature, defining the

			multifaceted literary competence of secondary students, and identifying effective ways to support linguistically diverse learners.
Dr.	Martin	Jenny	Dr. Jenny M. Martin, Associate Professor of Education at Bridgewater College, teaches Introduction to Education, Educational Psychology, and Content Area Literacy. As a former high school English and photojournalism teacher, she is the current President of the Virginia Association of Teachers of English.
Ms.	McDowell	Zoe	Zoe McDowell is a teacher candidate in the MAT program and a graduate assistant at James Madison University. She is excited to become a teacher and share the power and joy of literature with her students.
Ms.	Phelps	Kaleigh	Kaleigh Phelps is an English education graduate student at James Madison University.
Ms.	Shanks	Liz	Liz Shanks is a teacher candidate in the M.A.T. program at James Madison University. Her research interests include linguistics, creative writing, English literature, young adult literature, supporting multilingual learners in the classroom, and educational policy.

Dr.	Shoffner	Melanie	Dr. Shoffner is a professor of education at James Madison University, specializing in ELA teacher education. Her most recent work is the co-edited book <i>Care and Teachers in the Induction Years Supporting Early Career Educators in Today's Teaching Landscape</i> .
Ms.	Smiley	Haley	Haley is a teacher candidate in the secondary English program at James Madison University.
Ms.	Smith	Stephanie	During my 25 years as an educator, I've taught secondary English, served as a literacy coach, and I'm currently in my 6th year as an instructional designer. I am passionate about my family, YA literature (I host the YA Book Club for Chesterfield County), and helping others.
Mr.	Snoad	John	John Snoad, a past presenter at VATE, is a career educator with 34 years of teaching and coaching in the high school arena, along with two years as professional development specialist. His experiences include work in urban, suburban, and rural schools, and has worked with learners of all levels.
Ms.	Tasillo	Natalie	Natalie Tasillo teaches Middle School Drama in Prince William County Public Schools. She has a BA in Theatre and an MAT in Elementary Education with endorsements in

			Elementary Education PK-6 and Theatre Arts PK-12. Natalie is currently pursuing an MFA in Playwriting at Hollins University.
Dr.	Thomas	Tim	Tim Thomas is an Associate Professor in the College of Education at James Madison University. He works with pre-service teachers in and outside of classrooms. His writing and research are focused on teaching and learning communities, sustainability, and environmental topics, all with a focus on place-based education.
Dr.	Truitt	Tiffany	Dr. Tiffany Truitt graduated from Longwood University in 2004 with a degree in English and minor in theater. She obtained her master's degree in literature from Old Dominion University in 2010. Tiffany taught English at the secondary level for ten years before serving as a literacy coach and instructional coach for five years. Currently, Tiffany serves as the instructional coordinator for secondary gifted, history and English, and K-12 fine arts for Isle of Wight County Schools. Tiffany earned her EdD from William and Mary in Educational Policy, Planning and Leadership – Executive K-12 Leadership with a research focus on professional learning.
Mrs.	Walker	Ashley	Ashley Walker is a native of Chesterfield,

			<p>Virginia. She began her career in 2009 teaching 9th grade English in Henrico County Public Schools and is a graduate of Longwood University (English, B.A.) and Virginia Commonwealth University (Reading, M.Ed.). Ashley has held several school-based roles and currently serves as an Assistant Principal in Henrico County, Virginia.</p>
Dr.	Webb	Angela	<p>Dr. Angela W. Webb is a science teacher educator who loves bringing interdisciplinary connections to her teaching and scholarship. She teaches courses in secondary science methods, curriculum theory, and student teaching seminar. Her most recent work is Care and Teachers in the Induction Years: Supporting Early Career Educators in Today's Teaching Landscape, co-edited with Melanie Shoffner.</p>
Mrs.	Wollenberg	Cinde	<p>Mrs. Cinde Wollenberg serves as the Reading Specialist at Independence High School in Ashburn, VA. Mrs. Wollenberg grew up in Western PA, but has lived in the Shenandoah Valley for most of her adult life. She received a BA in English and a BA in Vocal Music from Chatham College in Pittsburgh, PA and holds a Masters in Reading from UVA. Prior to working for Loudoun County, Mrs. Wollenberg worked in Rockingham County</p>

			<p>and Shenandoah County. She has spent over twenty years in education as a classroom English teacher and a Reading Specialist. She has taught all levels of English Language Arts students from grades 6-12. She is a Master Teacher for the Virginia New Teacher Support Program, and has completed VDOE micro credentials in Gifted Education and Teaching with Empathy. When she's not in school she loves to adventure with her family and be outside with her dog.</p>
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