

Weslica Johnson, ESOL and Comp Sci Discoveries, Palmetto High School: “Hi. Happy SCCMS Month. My name is Weslica Johnson. I currently teach ESOL and computer science discoveries in Williamston, SC. I have been teaching for 18 years now. I am just going to tell you who inspired me in STEM. It all started back in 2020 with the Citadel STEM Center for Excellence. I did infusing computing at SCPD week. This summer will make my 3rd summer participating; I just got approved to study cyber security so I can present that content to my ESOL students, I am so excited. And throughout my journey, every summer participating in SCPD week, and my Citadel PLCs I have decided that I am going to study cyber security at Greenville tech. I was accepted on March the 10th; I am very excited. I am fired up, my students are fired up, I can’t thank the Citadel enough, specifically Melanie Blanton and Jennifer Albert. Thank y’all so much for pushing me and encouraging me, little ole me, former Spanish teacher now ESOL teacher, novice computer science discoveries teacher. So anyway, thank y’all! Can’t wait for you to see what me and my students are capable of doing. The goal is to remove unnecessary barriers to my students learning comp sci and to create opportunities for them to build some agency towards their learning instead of everything being seemingly out of their reach. And happy SCCMS month!”