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## *2020 Capital City TLC Symposium Presenters*

### **Suzi Sherman**

The 2013 Region 3 Teacher of the Year, is a Brain Lab Resource teacher at Cool Spring Primary School in King William, Virginia. She has worked with the Ready To Learn program through the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) and has led several professional development opportunities. Mrs. Sherman serves as the coordinator of the Indian Education After School Program and is passionately leading the discussion about Growth Mindset in the Classroom.

### **Kathy Galford**

Dr. Kathy Galford is the assistant principal at Great Bridge Primary School in Chesapeake, Virginia. Kathy enjoyed 28 years in the classroom teaching fifth and sixth grades and was honored to serve as the 2013 Virginia Teacher of the Year.

### **Christine "Chris" Grim**

The 2019 Region 5 Virginia Teacher of the Year with 29 years of experience of teaching all of those years in first grade and at Fulks Run Elementary School. Building relationships with the students, families and the community is an important part of what I feel my role is there.

### **Dan Reichard**

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### **Tabitha Strickler**

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### **Gregory Lyndaker**

High School History and Psychology Teacher of 12 years. Leader of a deeper learning cohort of teachers creating, implementing and sharing innovative student centered strategies. 2020 Region 1 Teacher of the Year.

### **Latasha Lee**

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### **Matthew Uselton**

A classroom teacher with 17 years' experience, Matthew Uselton has taught mostly high school English (except for those two years in middle school that we don't talk about). He has served as an Instructional Facilitator, AP Coordinator, a Collaborative teacher, and as a therapy animal for stressing teachers. He currently plies his trade in Bedford County at Liberty High School and is still waiting on his invitation to Hogwarts.

### **Theresa W. Richardson**

Theresa Richardson has been a school counselor for 15 years. Her role has varied, and she has served as a middle school Student Assistance Program (SAP) counselor, middle school counselor, middle school counseling coordinator, and elementary school counselor. During all of her years of service, she has worked in urban Title I schools. She is currently working as a school counselor in an elementary school in Roanoke County and has fallen in love with her students!

**Teresa A. "Gibby" Gibbons**

Gibby Gibbons has worked in the education field for over 31 years. Her experience includes elementary, middle, high, alternative education, and higher education. She has served as a consultant, contributed to leadership development, and provided diversity training around the country. Gibby is currently working at a specialty school preparing high school students for wherever their career path may take them.

**Lydia Stewart**

Lydia Stewart is a Special Educator for Prince William County Schools, providing instruction for students with intellectual disabilities and those who have been dually identified (English Language Learners and Special Education). She has been the recipient of numerous awards to include the Washington Post Agnes Meyer Teacher of the Year, Prince William County Teacher of the Year, and the Region IV Teacher of the Year for Virginia. She is married to a retired Air Force Lt. Col. with three children and a dog. She is the music director for two choirs at Ebenezer Baptist Church and a member of the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation.

**Amy Mallow**

I am the 2020 Virginia Region 5 Teacher of the Year. I am employed by Bedford County Public Schools and I am in my 18th year of teaching. I have been blessed to serve in some capacity in all grades K-5 over the years. I currently serve at the SCIT Coordinator and Data Coordinator for my school. Teaching is my passion, children are always at the center of my focus, and I believe in the ultimate benefits of having a positive classroom community!

**Jami Dodendroff**

Jami Dodenhoff has taught fifth grade for over two years in two different school divisions. Prior, she taught second grade for four years in Prince William County. She's taught in Title 1 schools in addition to schools of excellence.

**Tim Thomas**

Dr. Tim Thomas works with preservice teachers in and outside of classrooms, with a focus on communities that learn, and on place-based education. Tim is an Associate Professor at James Madison University. He has two daughters, with one beginning college in Fall 2019.

**Wes Warner**

Wes Warner is entering his third year as Assistant Principal at Burlington Elementary School in Roanoke County. Prior to Burlington, Wes was a Behavior Specialist for Roanoke City Schools for three years and taught special education for 15 years at Salem City Schools and for Rivermont School. He received a B.A. in Psychology from Emory and Henry, a Master's degree in Education from Old Dominion University, and a Master's degree in Administration and Supervision from Radford University.

**Jamie Nichols**

I have taught middle school science and math for thirteen years. I spent ten years of my career in a rural school in Shenandoah County, followed by three years in a Title 1 urban school in Roanoke City. I have served as a coach, district trainer, teacher mentor, grade level chair, science chair, and in other mentorship and leadership roles throughout my career. I have been recognized as a NSTA New Teacher Academy Fellow, Virginia Tech Teacher of Promise, STEM-H Educator, and 2018 Region 6 Teacher of the Year.

**Gary Gogerty**

Gary has been involved in public and higher education for over thirty years. He taught at one university and two private liberal arts colleges before accepting a position in the public schools. He was part of the team that helped develop the 8th Grade Computer Technology SOL Test. He received recognition from the Virginia Department of Education for the creation of educational software. He also received regional, as well as local recognition for instructional excellence, and presented at VSTE. He holds endorsements in Fine Arts, Secondary Computer Science and Gifted and Talented Education. Currently he is a member of the Business Science Division at VWCC. He wishes everyone was as enthusiastic about the interpretation and use of data as Steve Kornacki.