



*As the elementary STEM Program Specialist, she is passionate about introducing young students to the fascinating world of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. She has a knack for bringing STEM subjects to life in the classroom and making them relevant and approachable for all students, having worked in the field for more than ten years.*

*She graduated from Talladega College with a B.A. degree in Business Administration, with a concentration in Accounting; earned a Post-Baccalaureate from Mercer University in Middle Grades Language Arts, Math, and Social Studies; graduated with a Masters in Educational Leadership from Capella University; graduated from Brenau University with a Educational Specialist Degree in Early Childhood; Endorsements in Gifted In-field, Science, and STEM through Metro RESA. Project-Based Learning is something she is particularly interested in and a great instructional tool she uses to incorporate integrated, 21st century skills, and real-world issues into her lessons.*

*Mrs. McRae-Jones serves as the STEAM Program Specialist at W. J. Scott Elementary. She is an Atlantan native and a proud product of the Atlanta Public School System. Mrs. McRae-Jones was first introduced to STEM while working as a STEM Teacher at E. C. West Elementary in Fulton County School District. As a STEM Program Specialist in the Atlanta Public School District, she saw the value of STEAM to engage our students to a unique and integrated curriculum that involves critical-thinking, problem-solving, collaborations using 21st century skills, and creativity solving real-world, authentic problems that currently face our communities/societies. Mrs. McRae-Jones has been in education for over 20 years and has always loved making learning fun but engaging for students.*

*Additionally, as the STEM Program Specialist at Scott Elementary, she collaborates closely with teachers to incorporate STEM into the curriculum, offer opportunities for professional development for teachers, and plan STEM-related events for the entire school. As a result, she mentors students with interest in STEM fields, giving them the direction and encouragement, they need to succeed. Finally, Mrs. McRae-Jones' students continue to place in district and state competitions in Science & Engineering Fairs, Technology & Innovation Fairs, and Georgia Media Festivals. One of her proudest moments came when her school received Cognia STEM certification as a result of her collaborating with teachers and incorporating STEM into the curriculum and involving students in experiential learning.*