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Greetings!

We hope everyone had a restful break and that you were able to spend quality time with friends and family.

Lisa Steffian and Alexis Tharpe, our newest members of the ARCS team, will be your primary contacts, training coordinators, and mentors for the remainder of this program. Lisa has over 10 years of experience in K-12 and higher education and is especially excited about integrating CS content in nontraditional STEM content including social studies and language arts. Alexis worked as a classroom teacher with over 20 years of experience teaching elementary and middle school students. She served as a science curriculum writer and facilitator integrating CS and STEM activities into the curriculum.

CodeVA has opened their spring calendar! All ARCS participants are encouraged to complete two Learning Bytes sessions.

Click [\Yfy'](#) to register.

February 1st at 6PM —Culturally Relevant and Responsive Teaching in CS

February 15 at 6PM —Cybersecurity, Ciphers and Puzzles

March 1 at 6PM— Backwards Design for Computer Science Integration

March 15 at 6PM— Artificial Intelligence Basics

March 29 at 6PM— Data Science Every Day

As always, we welcome your comments, questions, and ideas. We look forward to working with you all.

Happy New Year!

The ARCS team

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Nominations close - January 31st.

One may nominate an educator for more than one category. Once an educator is nominated they will receive notification to complete the CSEYOY nominee application. The nominee will confirm category submission during the application process.

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PreK – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

ITRT/STE(A)M Coach/Specialist/Instructional Support

Administrators and Counselors

There will be one winner per category and one overall winner that will be named Virginia Computer Science Educator of the Year.

Nominations can be made at [\hhdg.#Vh"m#Jf\[\]b\]U7G9CM&\\$&'](#)