

ABRIA JA'MAR HARRIS

Mr. Abria J. Harris was born and raised in Quincy, Florida to the Late Mr. Johnnie C. Harris, Jr. and the Late Mrs. Marilyn J. Harris. He was educated in the Gadsden County public school system and graduated with honors from East Gadsden High School in 2009. His postsecondary education includes an Associate of Arts degree from Tallahassee Community College (2010), Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics

and Math or Science Teaching from Florida State University (2013), and Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Grand Canyon University (2015) and a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University (anticipated 2021).

Upon graduating from Florida State University, Harris began his work in education as an eighth grade mathematics and science instructor at James A. Shanks Middle School. He continued his employment with the Gadsden County School District (GCSD) at Havana Magnet School as an eighth grade pre-algebra and algebra 1 instructor. Since working in education, his accolades and accomplishments include being named Havana Magnet School's Rookie Teacher of the Year (2014-2015/2015-2016) and GCSD's Rookie Teacher of the Year (2015-2016), earning the Governor Rick Scott Shine Award (2016), and being named Gadsden County's National Hookup of Black Women Person of the Year (2018).

Currently, Harris serves as a Gadsden County School District mathematics specialist. He is an active member at the St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church in Fowlstown, Georgia and is also a proud brother of the Pi Psi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. He is blessed with one sister, Lakisha Donald, and a niece, Chrimontrez Jones.