

Hello, GATFACS Friends! I'm Brittany Tolleson!

Brittany Tolleson has been a Nutrition and Food Science teacher at Houston County High School for five years, but her flame for FACS has been burning bright for more than a decade. In high school, FACS became an important part of her life as a student and as the FCCLA State President. By growing and learning through FACS education, FACS impacted Brittany's future by allowing her to recognize her potential to lead and serve while learning valuable skills for life. Once she discovered FACS as a high school student, she discovered her passion *and* her future.



Brittany graduated from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College with her Associates Degree and transferred to the University of Georgia where she received her Bachelors Degree in Consumer Journalism from the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. In December 2019, she graduated from Valdosta State University with her Masters Degree in Adult and Career Education and in May 2021 she received her Specialist Degree from Piedmont University, formerly Piedmont College, in Curriculum and Instruction. In May 2021 Brittany also began working on her Doctorate in Education from Liberty University.

Brittany is both a lifelong learner and leader. Over the last five years she has committed to using her abilities to grow CTAE, FACS, and FCCLA within Houston County and beyond. Over the last five years she has: served as the FCCLA Adviser to 2 National Officers, 5 State Officers, and 2 Region Officers; served as the FCCLA Region 7 Adviser for 3 years; been selected to be a part of the LEAD CTAE Program; served GATFACS as the Region 7 Vice President and as the Interim GATFACS Representative to the GACTE Board; and received recognition as a FCCLA National Master Adviser Award Recipient. Under Brittany's guidance, leadership, and support, HCHS FCCLA has won many Region, State, and National Awards in National Programs and in competitive events. Brittany truly uses her experiences and passion as a former FCCLA officer to inspire and encourage her members as she develops relationships with each student to inspire them to believe that they have the ability to grow, make a change, and lead the way with FCCLA.

Outside of the classroom Brittany is inspired to guide and mentor other teachers. Brittany has mentored several new FCCLA advisers and new CTAE teachers within Houston County by being trained as an endorsed Teacher Support Coach. If one were to look at Brittany's life they would see that a huge part of her heart is found within FACS and CTAE. Brittany works hard to advocate for CTAE and believes that CTAE has the power to make a difference in the lives of *all* students, regardless of their background or perceived ability. Brittany makes it her mission as a teacher to connect with all students so that each individual might find their value and potential and leave her classroom feeling more confident, supported, and prepared for their future paths.

Brittany truly has a mission for advocating for FACS and CTAE, believing firsthand the impact FACS can leave today on the lives of tomorrow's leaders. Even outside of school, CTAE remains a part of Brittany's life and home as she has been happily married to an Agriculture Education teacher, Tripp, for 6 years.