BIO

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Dr. John Almarode has worked with schools, classrooms, and teachers all over the world. John began his career in Augusta County, Virginia, teaching mathematics and science to a wide-range of students. Since graduating from Bridgewater College in 2002, he has presented locally, nationally, and internationally on the application of the science of learning to the classroom, school, and home environments. He has worked with hundreds of school districts and thousands of teachers in Australia, Canada, England, Saudi Arabia, Scotland, South Korea, and Thailand. In addition to his work in PreK – 12 schools and classrooms, he is an Associate Professor in the Department of Early, Elementary, and Reading Education, the Co-Director of James Madison University's Center for STEM Education and Outreach, and the Director of the Content Teaching Academy. In 2015, John was named the Sarah Miller Luck Endowed Professor of Education. At James Madison University, he works with pre-service teachers in elementary science methods, and actively pursues his research interests including the science of learning, the design and measurement of classroom environments that promote student engagement and learning.

The work of John and his colleagues has been presented to the United States Congress, the United States Department of Education as well as the Office of Science and Technology Policy at The White House. John has authored multiple articles, reports, book chapters, and several books including *Captivate, Activate, and Invigorate the Student Brain in Science and Math, Grades 6 - 12* (Corwin Press, 2013), *From Snorkelers to Scuba Divers* (Corwin Press, 2018), *Visible Learning for Science* with Doug Fisher, Nancy Frey, and John Hattie (Corwin Press, 2018). He has several upcoming books including books on teacher clarity and implementing Visible Learning in the mathematics classroom. These are due out this Fall.

However, what really sustains John, and is his greatest accomplishment is his family. John lives in Waynesboro, Virginia with his wife Danielle, a fellow educator, their two children, Tessa and Jackson, and Labrador retrievers, Angel and Forest.