

## Meet Vartek's Integration Team (or, iTeam, for short)

Led by Director - Technology Integration Misty Oerther, the iTeam's mission is to support teachers in the evolving world of classroom technology. Through co-teaching, lesson planning, real-time coaching, and long-term, sustainable professional development, these integration specialists have been making a huge impact in the classrooms of Vartek's partners.

### Now, let's meet the team.



**Misty Oerther, BS, MEd Education, Post-Graduate Certificate in Online & Blended Learning | Director – Technology Integration**

Misty Oerther leads the iTeam as the Director – Technology Integration. With both a bachelor's and master's in education, Misty has experience in both brick and mortar K12 classrooms and teaching in and developing content for digital classrooms. She possesses a post-graduate certification in online and blended learning. Misty has led instructional design efforts at Cedarville University, helping implement a new learning management system at the university. Her background in corporate training has prepared her to lead the design of engaging professional development for our partners.

**Angel DeGrasse, BS Education, Google Certified Educator 1&2 | Academic Technology Coordinator**

Angel DeGrasse is the Academic Technology Coordinator for All Saints Academy in Winter Haven, Florida. She is passionate about transforming classrooms through intentional and meaningful technology integration. She taught Spanish at North Harrison High School in Indiana for 10 years, where she led the initiative to have the first 1:1 classroom in the district, implemented a fully digital foreign language curriculum, and designed multiple teacher websites. She then became a technology coach for Salem Community Schools where she assisted with their transition to a 1:1 district for grades 6-12, designed three collaborative learning spaces, assisted with beginning the first eSports team, created and managed K-12 STEM stations, and led the training to help them successfully complete Indiana eLearning days.





**Jillian Matheny, BS Secondary Mathematics Education, Google Certified Educator Levels 1&2 | Academic Technology Coordinator**

Jillian Matheny is the Academic Technology Coordinator for Madison Christian Schools in Groveport, Ohio. She is a Level 2 Google Educator and is pursuing her ISTE Certification. In her role as ATC, Jillian spends her time coaching teachers to introduce and use technology within their classrooms. Prior to being a tech coordinator Jillian spent 15 years in the secondary math classroom across four different states including Illinois, Georgia, Indiana, and now Ohio. She has a passion for integrating technology and seeing increased student achievement.

**Kat Childers, BA Integrated Language Arts, M.Ed. Education, PhD Curriculum and Teaching | Academic Technology Coordinator**

Kat Childers is the Academic Technology Coordinator for Sidney City Schools in Ohio. An educator herself, Kat brings years of classroom leadership to her role with Sidney and Vartek. With both a PhD in Curriculum and Instruction, and M.Ed. in Education, she will align her time as an educator with leading a technology team. Kat is a Level 1 Google Educator and is in pursuit of her Level 2. Kat has presented at the district, state, and national levels on topics including technology integration, and is a nationally published author.



**Evan Heintz, BS Secondary English Education, Google Certified Educator Levels 1&2 | Classroom Technology Coach**

Evan Heintz is the Classroom Technology Coach for Columbus School for Girls in Ohio. In his role, Evan draws on his classroom experience to help teachers create new learning experiences for students. With a Bachelor of Science in education, Evan spent a few years in the classroom before leveraging his love for technology in the CTC role.



Evan has expertise in gamifying lesson plans, introducing coding for young students, and incorporating cutting-edge technology into lesson plans.



**Brandelyn House, BS Business Education, MIE | Classroom Technology Coach**

Brandelyn House is the Classroom Technology Coach for Ben Hill County Schools in Georgia. With a background in business education, Brandelyn has spent time teaching business education to adult learners and serving as both the administrator and technical lead for a startup K12 startup virtual academy. Brandelyn's experience in planning, creating, and developing a virtual academy from scratch has served well as she supports teachers at Ben Hill with their implementation of their learning management system (LMS). She is a Microsoft Innovative Educator and has expertise in various LMS, Microsoft, and issue management.



**Christine Jesse, BS Middle Childhood Education, MS Curriculum and Instruction, Google Certified Educator Level 1 | Classroom Technology Coach**

Christine is the Classroom Technology Coach at Sidney City Schools in Ohio. Christine has ten years of middle school classroom teaching experience at a district in South Carolina. Christine has a Bachelor's in Middle Childhood Education Math and Social Studies, and a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction. Additionally, Christine has her Google Educator Level 1 and 2 certifications. In her current role, Christine is helping launch the district's new LMS by providing coaching and training, as well as technical support, to teachers throughout the school year.

**Joey Legg, BS Music Education | Classroom Technology Coach**

Joey is the Classroom Technology Coach at El Dorado School District in Arkansas. Joey has spent several years in technology management roles, including Network Administrator and IT Director. His bachelor's in music education combined with his technical experience has made him an invaluable member of the El Dorado team as he is able to bridge the gap between technology and the classroom. With specialties in Google Classroom, classroom A/V solutions for integration, and video editing, Joey is a strong coach and facilitator for technology integration.

