

Meet the Teacher

**My name is Dani Sams and I love teaching! In fact, it is all I have ever wanted to be since I was a little girl! This year I celebrate my 18th year at Conn. I have 20+ years experience and have taught all grades 1st-5th. I have been out here teaching in Cottageville for the past 7 years and have loved every moment of it! But most importantly I am not only a proud Conn Teacher, but a Proud Conn Cougar Parent as well!**

Mrs. Sams

**MY FAMILY:** I have been married to my wonderful husband Chris for 16 years. In fact, we met while I was down here for my interview at Conn! We are the proud and loving parents of three beautiful children; Isabella (15), Ethan (11), and Holden (6). It’s so hard to believe that we have one at every school level this year! Yikes, I can’t believe how fast they grow!

**MY EDUCATION**: I hold a **Bachelor’s Degree** in **Elementary Education** and **English Literature** from **SUNY Potsdam**. I am also a proud **National Board Certified Teacher** and **Teacher Leader** here at Conn. Last year I had the privilege of working closely with my teammate Mrs. Hansen at **Summer STEM** where we developed the idea of creating a Pollinator Way Space. This is an ongoing Conn project that your child will be working on this year. I can’t wait to see where their curiosity and passion takes us! I love learning new ways to incorporate real world challenges into our classroom, and having never been a gardener myself, I am always learning right there along with them and I love it!

**GROWING UP:** I am originally from Massena, NY. It’s a teeny, tiny, little town on the Canadian boarder…BRRRRR! I have two younger brothers. One lives in Connecticut and the other is right here in the Raleigh area. Both my parents are retired and spend 6 months back home in New York and 6 months down in Florida. We are the perfect pit stop halfway in between! The wonderful thing about my family is that we are always there for one another and enjoy every moment we get to spend together! Their love and support has helped me through some tough times and become the dedicated and determined person I am today!

In addition to *traveling* and *spending time with family and friends*, I love *pigs, hockey (Go Canes!), The Yankees, singing & dancing, popcorn, chocolate turtles, COFFEE, cooking, boating, the beach, and watching cheesy movies (Sharknado)!*

**My Favorites**

My students are my Learning Ninja Warriors, and I won’t stop until they are all victorious!

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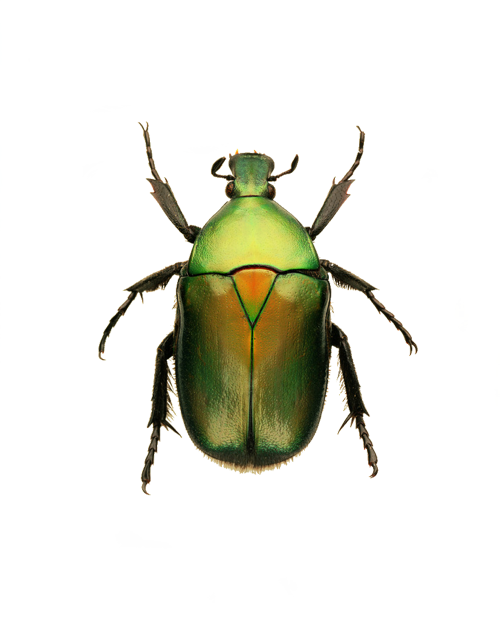
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