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**Chris O'Neal's Bio Short for Introductions:**

- Former elementary and middle school teacher
- District technology coordinator
- State Director of Technology
- State Leadership Coordinator
- University Faculty
- Legislative Liaison
- Educational Consultant for ISTE, George Lucas Foundation, and numerous schools and districts
- Parent of a teenager

**Extended:**

Chris O'Neal is a former elementary and middle school teacher originally teaching in Louisiana, where he received numerous Teacher of the Year honors. After leaving the classroom, Chris was an instructional technology coordinator for the district, overseeing professional development and instructional technology resources.

He went on to work at the State Department of Education in Louisiana, where his duties included grant management, policy and planning issues, district support, and legislative work. He took on the role of state director of technology, and his work with the Governor's Office and the Louisiana Legislature earned him status as an honorary State Senator.

He has also been featured as a "Shaper of Our Future" in Converge Magazine, and received the "Making it Happen" award for leaders in the field of education. He is a featured speaker each year at the National Educational Computing Conference (NECC).

He now teaches classes at the University of Virginia in both traditional and online format. Chris serves as a faculty associate for the George Lucas Educational Foundation; provides leadership professional development, content development, and consulting for ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education); serves as a leadership facilitator for SETDA (the U.S. State Educational Technology Directors Association), and conducts educational leadership institutes, workshops, and evaluations for organizations around the world.