



Griffin, Georgia native Antonio Ellis is a veteran educator who has served in many different roles as a teacher leader over the past 15 years. Upon graduation from Griffin High School in Griffin, Georgia in the year 2000, Ellis decided to attend Alabama State University in Montgomery, Alabama graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance.

In the year 2008 Ellis began working in the Griffin Spalding County School System as a Paraprofessional at Anne Street Elementary. After a few years as a paraprofessional Ellis became a certified classroom teacher through a program called GaTAPP at Griffin Resa. While in the TAPP program Ellis was elected TAPP Educator of the year. Ellis spent the next few years cultivating young scholars in the underrepresented community of Anne Street serving in many roles such as mentor, role model, and teacher leader during his time at Anne Street.

In the year 2015 Ellis relocated to Cowan Road Elementary and was introduced to STEM education under the leadership of Aleshia McCray. Cowan Road was a 3-5 STEM certified elementary school, the first of its kind in Griffin- Spalding. During his time at Cowan Road he was able to grow and develop the skills that have propelled him into the world of STEM Education. He presented at the Georgia STEM conference to showcase to other STEM educators what the process of STEM Certification looks like.

After spending 7 school years at Cowan Road Ellis is now at Michelle Obama STEM Elementary in Hampton, Georgia as the STEM Lead Instructor. Michelle Obama STEM is leading the way in STEM education with a foundation in Agriculture and Technology. MOST as the school is called recently received their STEM Certification through Cognia. Ellis is leading the way as a STEM Leader in the Metro Atlanta region of Georgia by developing meaningful partnerships that are offering real world experiences for the students of MOST.

Personally, Ellis is married to the lovely Peche Ellis of Griffin, Georgia and she works in the banking community of Griffin. They both have 2 wonderful daughters Kimora and Sinai. Kimora attends Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee and Sinai is a freshman at Griffin High School

Accomplishments:

- B.S. in Finance Montgomery, Alabama
- GaTapp Teacher of the Year
- Georgia STEM Conference Presenter
- GYSTC STEM program graduate
- GOSA Teacher Leader Program
- Georgia Tech STEAM Conference Presenter
- UGA Griffin Zero Robotics Coordinator