

Adam O'Neal is originally from Hot Springs, AR. He graduated from Lakeside High School in 2002. Adam was involved in many school activities including the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, selected to attend Boys State, and the Governor's Conference on Tobacco and Alcohol. Adam was also active in sports, lettering in football and track. After high school, Adam attended Arkansas State University and majored in Physical Education. While enrolled at ASU, he was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Adam graduated from ASU in the fall of 2006 and immediately received a job offer in Texarkana, AR. Adam moved to Texarkana to teach physical education and coach girls basketball, track, and girls and boys tennis. He was a part of three state championships in girls track and was also named 6A South Tennis Coach of the Year for 2008. While working in Texarkana he enrolled in the graduate program at Southern Arkansas University. He graduated with his M. Ed. in Educational Leadership in 2010. During his time in Texarkana, Adam worked with wonderful educators who demonstrated effective leadership and team building strategies.

Adam relocated to eastern Arkansas in the summer of 2010, as he took a teaching and coaching position with the Forrest City School District. In 2013, Adam was hired at Marion Middle School where he served as an assistant principal. This was an invaluable experience for Adam, as he learned about working effectively with parents, teachers, and community members while fostering meaningful relationships with all students. Adam was hired as the principal of Marion Elementary School in 2016. He has worked closely with teachers and students alike, fostering a school culture that promotes shared leadership for students and staff; his goal is to find the leader within everyone on the Marion Elementary School campus.

Adam has been married for ten years to his wife, Megan. Together they spend time travelling, enjoying the outdoors, and playing with their dogs, Rudy and Cash. They both attend First Baptist Church, Marianna and lean on their faith daily.

As the first principal of the Herbert Carter Global Community Magnet, Adam hopes to continue fostering positive relationships with students, parents, faculty, and staff with his positive and enthusiastic attitude. His vision for this new school is to allow all stakeholders to find the leader within and live life as the best version of themselves thus building the best elementary school in Arkansas!