



## **John Wilson** (Upper School)

With over 15 years in education (10 years in leadership roles), John Wilson brings depth and his experienced background to his role as the new instructional leader of our Upper School.

*“Schools are where I feel most at home. I believe teachers have the strongest impact on student success and know that my teachers made all the difference in the world for me. I’m committed to high expectations, leading by example - I want to be an advocate and role model for the Upper School students. I’ve been a part of AJA for over two years and truly feel part of the family and culture. I feel a solid connection to the school and families and look forward to deepening the relationships with the students, families, faculty and staff.”*

Mr. Wilson describes his career as an educator as 'quilt-like,' woven together by a variety of personal, professional and academic experiences. Both of his parents are retired educators, and the importance of a quality education was instilled in him at a young age. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Secondary ELA from Jacksonville State University, a Master's degree in Educational Administration from Jacksonville State University and an Ed.S. in Curriculum and Instruction from Capella University. In addition to serving as an Assistant Principal and Interim Principal, Mr. Wilson also has diverse classroom experience. He has taught High School English to students with disabilities, general education students along with gifted and honors students. Mr. Wilson has worked as a Department Chair, Instructional Coach, Literacy Coach and a K-12 District-level Instructional Support Personnel to manage literacy instruction for ten schools. Prior to joining AJA, Mr. Wilson worked as an Achievement Coach for the New York Department of Education, partnering with schools to strengthen their use of curriculum and assessments and to improve teaching and learning. He trained and mentored principals and assistant principals in this role.