

TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Reneé Michel

Reneé Michel is a 1988 graduate of East Ascension High School. She is currently the SIS Coordinator for the Ascension Public Schools system. As coordinator, she is mainly responsible for maintaining our Student Information System (SIS), Power School. She aids users with issues and keeps the software current. She has a very close relationship with the registrars in the district. Reneé has been a member of the technology department since 2014 but has 16 years under her belt as an APSB employee. She has held the positions of Cued Speech Transliterator and Guidance Secretary. Reneé views technology as a puzzle and loves the challenge of solving problems. She is a huge Atlanta Braves fan and enjoys camping, reading, and watching football on TV. "The Cat Lady", as we sometimes refer to her as, has rescued 3 cats and even bottle-fed one of them. She and her husband Blaine have been married 25 years and have two sons, Brennan and Ross, who both graduated from St. Amant High and Southeastern Louisiana University.



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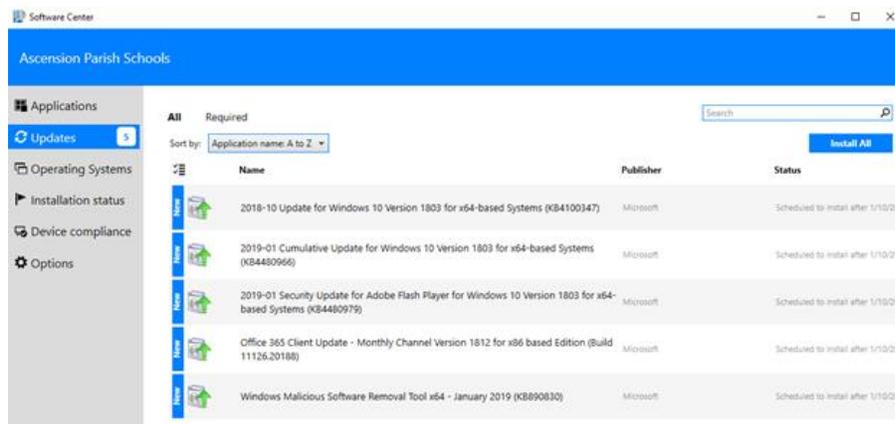
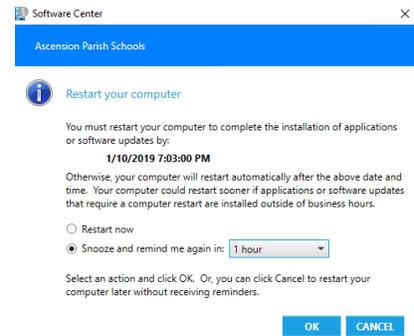
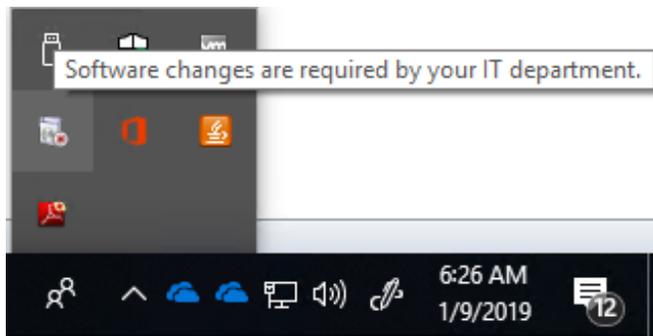
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These are screen shots similar to what you may see.



Louisiana Inaugural Chapter



After a long application process, Louisiana now has its own chapter of Computer Science Teachers Association (CSTA). They began the process by submitting an application in March of 2018. The application was officially approved this month, and the members are arranging for their first meeting. Inaugural members of the Louisiana chapter include three APSB computer science teachers: Phil Blanchard from East Ascension High, Patty Desormeaux from Dutchtown High, and Carla Westbrook from St. Amant High. Congratulations to these three teachers for the hard work and dedication involved with creating this Louisiana chapter.

CSTA is a membership organization that supports and promotes the teaching of computer science. CSTA provides opportunities for K-12 teachers and their students to better understand computer science and to more successfully prepare themselves to teach and learn. Founded by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) in 2004, CSTA has grown into a dynamic and vibrant organization of professionals interested in supporting computer science education in grades K-12.

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