

## **Jason Abraham**

**It is an honor to be selected as WACH Fox's and the SCEA April Teacher of The Month. I got my start in teaching in 1998 in Japan as an English teacher at a large language school in Tokyo. This experience has led me on a journey that has been both rewarding and life changing.**

**I received my Bachelor of Science degree from the University of South Carolina in Columbia in May 1994. I continued to work in the hospitality industry until moving overseas. For the next 3 years I worked various positions until finding my true calling in the field of education. While I found teaching language in Japan to be fun and engaging, I felt my journey was not complete. As fate would have it I moved to Hawaii in the summer of 2006 and shortly thereafter began working in the field of special education.**

**In May 2010 I received a Master's of Education in the field of Special Education from the University of Phoenix in Honolulu, Hawaii and my K-12 Certification in Special Education. I spent the next year and a half working as a resource teacher at Nanakuli High and Intermediate School in Waianae, Hawaii. During that tenure I worked in the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade academy developing and implementing a project-based curriculum. In the winter of 2011 a family emergency required me to move back to South Carolina where I have resided since. During this time I attained a Master's of Science in Instructional Design and Technology from Full Sail University.**

**Since arriving back in South Carolina I have worked as both a resource and fully self-contained special education teacher. At the present time I am working as a fully self-contained classroom teacher at Thornwell School for the Arts and have 6 students in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. I absolutely love my job and the responsibility that comes with developing my students into responsible, kind, caring, and problem solving young adolescents.**

**Currently I live in Florence, South Carolina with my lovely wife Mani, and our three sons: Preston, 16, Parker, 14, and Payton 10. All three boys are avid soccer players and keep my wife and I quite busy with their hectic sports schedules. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family, playing video games, reading, and traveling.**