

## K-12

## Lisa Williams



Lisa A. Williams, a native of San Diego, California, is a Music Education Teacher for the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA). She is currently assigned to Marine Corp Air Station-Beaufort in South Carolina. Lisa has traveled the country teaching Music, Special Education, and providing technology workshops and support for sixteen years. She holds a bachelor's and master's degree in Music Education (Howard University); a second master's degree in Special Education (University of San Diego); an Education Technology & Online Instruction certificate from Liberty

University; and an education specialist degree in Special Education from Florida State University. She will soon begin doctoral studies in Education Technology with a focus on digital learning in 21st Century education.

Lisa is the 2016 Department of Defense-Fort Bragg District Teacher of the Year. She recently attended the DoDEA Leadership Summit and Awards Gala in Washington, D.C. She is also the recipient of the 2016 40-Under-40 Leadership Award for her commitment to service in the Fayetteville area; as well as the 2015 Achievement Award from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated – Fayetteville, NC. One of her most memorable honors was performing in the 2009 Inauguration for President Barack Obama.

Lisa believes that all students possess individual leadership skills and an innate ability to learn. She also believes it is her responsibility as an educator to help students identify their unique leadership qualities and use those qualities to achieve their highest potential. She has a passion for helping others understand the importance of using digital tools within the learning environment to enhance 21st Century education.