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Meghan Ables is serving as the 2016 Arkansas Teacher of the Year. An 11th-grade English/literacy and journalism teacher at Stuttgart High School, she has taught at the district for 13 years. She has been a team leader and presenter for the Literacy Design Collaborative, provided Teacher Excellence and Support System training to faculty, and has conducted professional development activities for using literacy techniques in the classroom.

A graduate of Stuttgart High School, Ables received a Bachelor of Science in Journalism in 2002 from Arkansas State University at Jonesboro, where she was recognized as a Distinguished Service Award winner.

Her teaching career began in 2003 at Stuttgart High School when she was asked to coach the softball team and cheerleading squad and teach journalism. This led to her completing the Arkansas Department of Education's non-traditional route to becoming a licensed teacher.

Ables was selected as the Stuttgart Public Schools Teacher of the Year 2015-2016 and the 2015 Most Inspirational Teacher at Stuttgart Schools. She was recognized as an Environmental and Special Technologies (EAST) Teacher of the Month and honored at an LDC training for student growth in literacy scores. Ables also led her cheer teams to multiple state championships.

Ables traveled to Russia as a member of a church mission team. As advisor for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, she also planned charity fundraisers to support Dana's House, a home for children awaiting adoption. Ables and her journalism class also worked to raise awareness about safe driving. She is a member of the Arkansas Reading Association, Arkansas State University Alumni Association, Arkansas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, and Arkansas Cheer Coaches Association.

Ables is available to speak, conduct workshops, and/or serve on committees around the following topics:

- Classroom Connections
- Teaching Students of Poverty
- Using Learning Style and Personality Traits For Lesson Development
- Develop Your Teacher Leaders
- Literacy Across the Curriculum
- Collaborate in Your Classroom