

Cameron Sharbel McKinley Bio

The State of Alabama named Ms. McKinley their 2007 Teacher of the Year and in 2008, the Smithsonian honored her with the Smithsonian Increase Award for creating an innovative website. She is a National Board certified teacher in Career and Technical education. After graduating from the University of Alabama in 1987 with a business degree in corporate finance and marketing, she joined IBM as a marketing representative. After IBM, Cameron worked as a marketing director overseas in Germany and then in Georgia. Returning to Alabama, she taught secondary computer classes for the Vestavia Hills school system for 7 years and now works as an elementary technology coach for Hoover City Schools, helping teachers prepare students to succeed in a tech savvy world.

She earned a masters degree in Education Technology in 2007 from Lesley University and completed an Education Specialist degree in Instructional Technology (EdS) in 2009. Cameron is married to Jay McKinley and they have three children. She runs marathons to raise money for the Leukemia Society and to promote kids' fitness. In her spare time, Cameron presents technology workshops focusing on engaging students and preparing them for the 21st century