

## Janice Tumbleson

Janice is currently a graduate student in the Family and Consumer Science (FCS) program at Queens College and a Junior High School Family and Consumer Science teacher. At this stage in her professional journey, she feels a strong sense of alignment between her work, her purpose, and her passion for education.

She earned her undergraduate degree from Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, majoring in Early Childhood Education with a concentration in Human Development and Family Studies. Following graduation, she spent many years in preschool education before making a meaningful career pivot into a high school setting, where she spent nine years directing a program for pregnant and parenting adolescents. This role became one of the most rewarding chapters of her career, and knowing that she made a lasting impact on so many students continues to motivate her today.

In the summer of 2021, she returned to the classroom as a teacher, instructing high school students in child development and teaching life skills to young adults ages 18–21. Her professional background enabled her to earn a Career and Technical Education (CTE) certification and begin teaching Family and Consumer Science, a field that perfectly integrates her experience, interests, and values.

After passing the New Jersey certification exam and learning that additional coursework was required, Janice connected with Queens College and Professor Armoza, and ultimately enrolled in the Family and Consumer Science master's program. She currently teaches 8th and 9th grade students at the junior high school where she grew up, guiding them through sewing, culinary skills, nutrition, and life and career readiness.

Janice lives in central New Jersey with her husband, a middle school history teacher, their two sons, and their two doodle pups. She is deeply grateful for the support of her family, the generosity of the scholarship donors, and the opportunity to continue growing within the Family and Consumer Science education community.

