

Kristi Rice is a distinguished Cybersecurity Educator at Spotsylvania High School and a nationally recognized leader in shaping cybersecurity education. Her pivotal role in curriculum development spans both state and national levels, and she actively collaborates with educators across the country to help establish and grow cybersecurity programs.

Beyond the classroom, Kristi Rice serves as a course content lead for Spotsylvania County Public Schools and chairs the Virginia Cyber Range K-12 Advisory Committee, aligning instruction, lab resources, and educator support across the Commonwealth. She mentors teachers through Virginia Tech's GenCyber Teacher Program and contributes to national initiatives to expand high-quality cybersecurity education, including being a Co-Chair for the NICE K-12 Community of Interest. Kristi also is a coach within the U.S. Cyber Team and U.S. Cyber Games ecosystem, where she helps connect secondary students to elite competition pathways, industry mentorship, and real-world cybersecurity experiences that inspire the next generation of defenders.

Kristi's innovation is evident in the creation of the Virginia High School Cyber Cup, a statewide Capture The Flag competition for Virginia high school students. Her impactful contributions earned her the Inaugural Virginia Cybersecurity Educator award in July 2021.

Recipient of the 2021 Presidential Cybersecurity Educator of the Year award, Kristi Rice is a beacon of excellence. Her passion, innovation, and commitment make her a valuable asset to cybersecurity education.