James Thomas is the Transportation Coordinator for the Lafayette Parish School System. Since becoming the coordinator, James has spearheaded growth and change as Lafayette Parish grows in population in certain areas of the parish. James' family has always instilled in him to give back to the community when possible. In 2019, he ran for Lafayette Parish Council District 5 seat taking 42% of the vote. James has sat on numerous boards and committees such as LPSS Community Education Plan Committee, Lafayette City/Parish Government Advisory Council, and Lafayette Junior Leadership.

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College. He truly enjoys civic leadership and active public service. When James is not working, he enjoys traveling and spending time with family and friends.