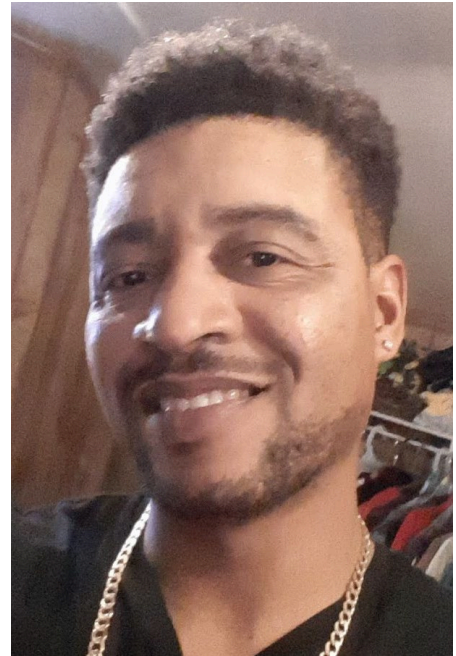


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Our next FACES of SOLAR feature is Jerry Smith, who is a native of Chase City, Virginia. Jerry attended Southside Virginia Community College, where he noticed a posting about a new class that would teach hands-on solar panel installation at a solar farm that was being built nearby. Immediately Jerry was fascinated by the technology of solar energy generation and saw the economic benefits the workforce training and groundbreaking innovation would bring to Southside Virginia. “To me, we should have been doing this a long time ago,” Jerry said in regards to the spread of solar technology across Virginia. After graduating from the Solar Hands-on Instructional Network of Excellence (SHINE) Program, Jerry saw an opportunity to join an innovative workforce that would put him ahead of the curve and promise a lifelong career. The opportunity to learn directly about the solar industry at Southside allowed Jerry to become a solar panel installer for the Wood Group. Everyone around town knows Jerry as a family man who enjoys sharing his passion for his job with his four young children.



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