

HUMAN GENETICIST

"NOBODY KNOWS ABOUT OUR GENETICS; I NEVER HEAR PEOPLE TALK ABOUT GENETICS FOR PEOPLE OF COLOR."



DR. JANINA JEFF

Pronunciation:
(ja-knee-na jeff)

Life: 1985 - present

Location: Nashville, Tennessee

Known for: Geneticist, Professor, & Podcast Host

MATH HERO

Geneticists like Janina use math to:

- Conduct research on family histories using algebra to represent numbers and quantities.
- Code data on family traits to create DNA tests for customers on sites such as 23 and Me and Ancestry.
- Solve puzzles by comparing genetic traits using charts and graphs.

WHO AM I?

- Dr. Janina Jeff is a human geneticist (juh-net-uh-sist). A geneticist is a scientist who studies genes from plants, animals, or humans. They want to learn how genes interact with each other, evolve, and multiply.
- Janina helps people learn about the special characteristics that make up a person. She investigates how health and illnesses are connected to family members.
- Janina is fascinated with learning about the similarities and differences of peoples' genetics. As a student she wanted to explore genetics for people of color since the topic is not discussed often in the science community.
- Janina hosts a podcast entitled *In Those Genes*. She uses hip hop culture to teach genetics. She wants her listeners to hear, understand, and relate to the information presented.

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