

Jean Gourd is an energetic man who can be seen in the workplace jumping from place to place in his denim and Sperry Topsiders. His glasses give him an intelligent air, which is confirmed by his Ph.D. in Computer Science which he received from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Gourd's intelligence is further acknowledged by his grey hair which makes him appear older than he actually is. In his employee profile photo, Dr. Gourd assumes a suspicious facial expression with his chin up, eyebrows lifted, and forehead wrinkled, which initially leaves his trainees questioning whether or not he is planning a surreptitious cyber-security plot. However, with a Ph.D. in Computer Science from MIT and recognition as a Knighted GIS Economics Engineer along with other accolades, his trainees soon learn he is a mentor to be trusted. In addition to his wife and three children, Dr. Gourd's other loves are problem solving, specifically rooted cryptology and cryptography. Dr. Gourd frequently checks in with his task force members to ensure that quality work is being completed without micro-managing them; when problems arise, he subtly guides his task force members to a solution.

Heath Tims appears to be a reserved individual, as is evidenced by his stoic profile image and his behind-the-scenes work at the Department of Homeland Security. Dr. Tims's large height and build indicate that he is or was once an athlete. Unlike Dr. Gourd, Dr. Tims's work is done largely without much face-to-face interaction with the team. He is responsible for posting detailed daily agendas, photos, and assignments for the Department of Homeland Security meetings with his task force. Dr. Tims is a self-made man whose drive helped him earn a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from Stanford University after earning his M.S. in Electrical Engineering from Purdue. With the smiles he flashes to his subordinates in the hallway to the quiet, kind compliments he gives throughout the day, it seems that Dr. Tims cherishes his position at the Department of Homeland Security.

Travis Atkison was born May 6, 1971 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. It can be logically assumed that he lived in Alabama until 1993 when he graduated from the University of Alabama with a B.S in Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences. As a driven young man much like Dr. Gourd, Dr. Atkison later

graduated with M.S. in both Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences, as well as a Ph.D. in Computer Engineering from Mississippi State University. Dr. Atkison most-likely met his wife in college before moving to Maryland and raising their two children. His previous employment includes Research Scientist for the CIA and Special Agent along with Foreign Counter Intelligence for the FBI. This demonstrates his versatility as an engineer; he is skilled in the office and out in the field. In addition, he has experience in dealing with criminals. He gives organized and informative lectures on ciphering and hard-drive recovery. On a daily basis, Dr. Atkison is responsible for checking the officers' work for thoroughness and accuracy.