

## DEEPER INSIGHTS Episode 1: Deeper Equity

Guests: Basil Marin and Rashard Wright

Host: Chris Jones



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**Basil Marin** is one of the proud assistant principals of Chamblee Charter High School, a diverse high school located in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Marin works daily to build meaningful relationships with students and desires to be the administrator he needed when he was growing up yet did not have access to. As a former struggling student himself, Dr. Marin is humbled to be able to give back to students who historically have fallen through the cracks of education and have not been given a second chance. Dr. Marin was selected as a 2017 ASCD Emerging Leader and was a “featured speaker” at the 2019 Empower Conference. He spoke on behalf of marginalized and underserved students and explained how the lack of funding has impacted their educational experiences with the U.S. Secretary of Education’s executive team. Currently, Dr. Marin is the President of the ASCD Emerging Leaders Affiliate. Dr. Marin is a contributing author in several books including *Personal & Authentic, Unconventional Leadership, Modern Mentor, Forces of Influence, and It’s Me*.

**Rashard J. Wright** is recognized throughout Virginia and beyond as a leading voice for equity. Rashard is currently the Chief of Staff for Newport News Public Schools and previously served as the Chief Schools Officer for

Virginia Beach City Public Schools Wright is known for inspiring leaders and championing rigorous school support plans which result in full accreditation for all schools. He has also designed leadership development and succession planning models for aspiring and existing school administrators. Rashard chairs the African American Superintendent's Advisory Council (AASAC). The AASAC is charged with advising, informing, and providing professional insight on policy development and accountability for public education in Virginia. The Council plays a unique role in bringing African American educational leaders, and the needs of African American students to the forefront of state decisions to advance racial equity in Virginia's public schools. He is a proud sports junkie, lover of cooking and grilling, runner, and leadership coach to many. As the creator of #Heartwork, Rashard truly believes that he was called to be an educator.

**Chris Jones** began his education career after serving 6 years in the US Army as an Airborne Ranger. He is now the proud Principal of Thomas Dale High School in Chesterfield County. Prior to his appointment there, he served as a math teacher at Green Run High School in Virginia Beach City Public Schools, a Teacher Leader with the Center for Teacher Leadership, and an Assistant Principal at Sussex Central Elementary School and Floyd E. Kellam High School in VBCPS. In addition to serving as principal, he is adjunct faculty with The George Washington University and a board member for the Virginia Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, where he Chairs the Programs Committee. Dr. Jones is a proud husband and father of four.