

DEEPER INSIGHTS Episode 3: Deeper Change

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Host: Chris Jones



Daniel Smith



Scott Habeeb



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Daniel Smith began his teaching career instructing middle and high school students in the small Inuit village of Kotzebue, Alaska. Over the past 18 years, he has served as a teacher for students in grades PK-12 and as a building principal at the elementary, middle, high and secondary levels. Daniel currently serves as the principal at Lake Braddock Secondary School in Fairfax County.. LBSS is the largest school in the Commonwealth, with approximately 4400 students and over 400 staff. Dr. Smith's passion lies in the power of student and teacher relationships as a catalyst to infuse rigorous, meaningful and relevant learning experiences for all students. Elevating student voice while building the capacity of student leaders are fundamental principles in his daily work to empower students in their learning. Daniel is a Past President of VASCD, a member of the Board of Directors, and an ASCD Emerging Leader. Recently, Dr. Smith has been recognized as the Virginia PTA Secondary Principal of Year and the Fairfax County Public Schools Region 4 Outstanding Principal of the Year.

Scott Habeeb began his teaching career at Salem High School (Salem City) in 1997, where he taught Modern World History and coached Football and Tennis. In 2004, Scott moved into the role of Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction, also at Salem High School. His duties in that role included, among others, overseeing Salem's Freshman Transition Program and creating the school's Master Schedule. Currently, Scott is in his 8th year serving in the role of Principal of Salem High School. Outside of his duties at Salem High School, Scott regularly speaks at schools, school divisions, and conferences across the country. Most commonly, he speaks about Freshman Transition, Formative Assessment, Standards Based Learning, and his favorite topic, Going Beyond the Content to inspire and motivate students. Scott is the author or co-author of several articles as well as the co-author of *The Ninth Grade Opportunity: Transforming Schools from the Bottom Up*.

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.