

DEEPER INSIGHTS Episode 4: Deeper Relevance

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Meghan Raftery is a freelance educator and the Chief Design Officer of Edjacent, a design collaborative that liberates educators with the audacity to self-author by creating bespoke coaching, community, and content. Meghan has more than 15 years experience serving public schools, businesses, and nonprofits in 38 states as a teacher, curriculum developer and project manager, specializing in authentic learning and innovation. She lives in Virginia Beach with her husband and two sons. She can be reached at @meg5han and meghan@edjacent.org.

Chris Jacobs just completed his 27th year as a high school teacher. 26 of those years have been spent trying to make learning fun and meaningful at his alma mater Green Run High School in Virginia Beach while one was spent teaching abroad in South America. Chris is the current Lead Teacher of the Innovation Lab with Virginia Beach City Public Schools, a program that builds learning around the acquisition of non-cognitive skills, learning expeditions, community involvement, and interdisciplinary thinking. In the iLab, cohorts of teachers and students LOOP through all 4 years of high school taking 16 courses together creating a strong network of accountability for students and powerful social and emotional bonds. Chris' true pride and joy come from the fun times he has with his three children, Jack, Emma, and Henry.

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