

DEEPER INSIGHTS Episode 5: Deeper Innovation

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Host: Chris Jones



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Kume Goranson has served as the Executive Director of CodeRVA Regional High School since January 2020. Prior to this role, she served for 21.5 years in Chesterfield County Public Schools at the division level in Human Resources and School Leadership, as well as an assistant principal and a principal. In joining CodeRVA she's back where she is happiest, which is working directly with students and teachers. Kume grew up in rural Augusta County but has been in Richmond since 1993 when she started her journey as a lifelong VCU Ram. She attained all four of her degrees there: a Bachelor of Arts in English with a minor in Women's Studies; a Master of Teaching in Secondary Education; a Post-Master's degree in Administration and Supervision, and a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership. When not at CodeRVA, Kume enjoys reading, running, shopping, and spending time with her husband Matt, a middle school social studies teacher, and her daughter Lydia, who is a rising 9th grader.

James Pohl serves as Chief Academic Officer in Norfolk Public Schools. He has also been a leader in Virginia Beach City Public Schools where he was a high school assistant principal, ultimately advancing to the post of executive director of secondary teaching and learning, moving from there to Newport News as chief Academic Officer. Dr. Pohl began his career in public education in 1996 as a math teacher at Lake Taylor High School. He is presently serving as member of the Governor's STEM Education Commission. Dr. Pohl holds a doctorate in educational leadership, a masters in curriculum and instruction, and a Bachelor of Science degree in applied math with a minor in education, all from Old Dominion University.

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