



Most Likely to Succeed:
A Film Screening & Panel Discussion

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Panelist Biographies:

Dr. Jamelle Wilson, *Moderator* (Dean of School of Professional & Continuing Studies, University of Richmond)

Dr. Jamelle S. Wilson serves as the sixth dean of the University of Richmond School of Professional and Continuing Studies (SPCS).

Wilson earned a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in English and a Master of Teaching (M.T.) from the University of Virginia, a Master of Arts (M.A.) in English, Writing and Rhetoric from Virginia Commonwealth University, and a doctorate (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, also from the University of Virginia.

Prior to her appointment as dean, Wilson served as Superintendent of Schools for Hanover County, Virginia. Before her appointment as superintendent, Wilson worked in Hanover County Public Schools as a classroom teacher, a lead teacher, an assistant principal, a principal and an assistant superintendent.

Her involvement with SPCS started through her work on the governance board of Partners in the Arts which seeks to integrate arts education across PreK-12 education. Wilson also worked as an adjunct professor in the School's Educational Leadership and Policy Studies graduate program.

Wilson was the 2015 Region 1 Superintendent of the Year and currently serves on the Board of Governors of the International Baccalaureate Organization and is immediate past Chair of the Association Board of Directors of the YMCA of Greater Richmond. She has recently been named to the Board of Directors of The Community Foundation.

Secretary Anne Holton (Virginia Secretary of Education)

Secretary Anne Holton is a life-long advocate for children and families in Virginia. After graduating with a B.A. from Princeton and a Harvard law degree, Holton worked as a legal aid lawyer serving low-income families. She served as a juvenile and domestic relations district court judge from 1998 until 2005 when her husband, Tim Kaine, was elected Governor of Virginia.

As Virginia's First Lady, Holton championed a successful initiative to secure permanent family connections for more foster youth. She later served as a consultant at the Annie E. Casey Foundation on foster care systems reform, with a focus on judiciary issues and preventing unnecessary out-of-home placements of youth due to complex behavioral issues.

In 2008 Anne Holton worked with the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education to establish the Great Expectations program, which works through campus coaches based on community college campuses to improve access to and success in higher education for Virginia's foster youth and alumni. She served as the Program's Director in 2013.

Holton attended public schools in Roanoke, Richmond, and Fairfax County, Virginia. With her family she helped integrate the Richmond Public Schools in 1970. She has been an active PTA member and volunteer at six Richmond public schools, where her children were educated. Holton served on the Richmond Public Schools Education Foundation Board 2010-2012 and on the Voices for Virginia Children Board 2010-2013. She also has served on the Advisory Board to Youth-Nex, the UVa Center to Promote Effective Youth Development at the Curry School of Education.

Holton is the recipient of the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Life Award of Distinction and the Richmond YWCA Outstanding Woman in Law award in 2006 among other honors.

She and her husband (now U.S. Senator Tim Kaine) have three adult children and reside in Richmond, Virginia.

Dr. Javaid Siddiqi (Hunt Institute; School Board Member, Chesterfield County PS)

Former Virginia Secretary of Education Javaid Siddiqi is the Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellows Director. As the director, Dr. Siddiqi leads his team in the recruitment and cultivation of senior education policy leaders – providing them the core knowledge needed to develop reform-oriented education agendas. The program exposes the Fellows to the best research, analyses, and experts on innovative and successful education policies and practices.

Dr. Siddiqi's career spans more than 15 years in education and education reform and policy. He began his profession as a high school teacher, assistant principal, and as a principal in Chesterfield, VA, where he led the implementation of Expeditionary Learning - a nationally recognized school reform model. As a member of Gov. Bob McDonnell's Cabinet, Dr. Siddiqi assisted in the development and implementation of the state's education policy; and provided guidance to 16 public universities, the Virginia Community College System, five higher education and research centers, the Department of Education, and the state-supported museums. Prior to his appointment, he served as deputy secretary of education where he focused his efforts on teacher quality and improving educational outcomes for all students.

In addition to an extensive history of leadership service, Dr. Siddiqi continues to actively serve his community and state. He was appointed by Gov. Terry McAuliffe to serve on the Radford University Board of Visitors and was recently elected to the Chesterfield County School Board as the Midlothian Representative. Dr. Siddiqi holds an undergraduate degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and received his master's degree from Virginia State University. He completed his doctorate in educational leadership from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Mr. Justin Roerink (Principal, Hanover Center for Trades & Technology)

Justin Roerink is currently the principal of The Hanover Center for Trades and Technology in Hanover County Public Schools. Roerink previously served as Assistant Principal of The Hanover Center before becoming principal during the 2012-2013 school year. Prior to joining The Hanover Center, Roerink was a CTE teacher at Warwick High School in Newport News, Virginia, where he taught IB Business Management, Virtual Enterprise Business Management, Personal Finance, and other technology courses, as well as coached the varsity boys' soccer team. Prior to teaching, Roerink worked in sales for The Hershey Company. Roerink received his Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Florida State University and his Master's in Education Leadership and Administration from Old Dominion University. Roerink is currently part of the team working to develop the Hanover Regional Governor's School for Career and Technical Advancement, which will have its inaugural session this summer. This three week summer residential program is the first CTE focused Governor's School in the state, and to our knowledge, the country.

Mr. Anthony Washington (Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Richmond PS)

Anthony Washington is currently the Director of Curriculum and Instruction (C&I) for Richmond Public Schools. Prior to leading the Curriculum & Instruction department, Washington served as the Coordinator for Gifted Programs where he provided support for International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, Governor's Schools, and K-12 Gifted programs. Washington is also a Ph.D. candidate at The College of William & Mary in Virginia, where he previously served as a full-time Graduate Assistant in the Center for Gifted Education (CFGE). During his tenure in the CFGE, Washington worked as: Assistant to the Executive Director; Assistant Director for Camp Launch - and as a classroom Instructor and Program Assistant for the Saturday and Summer enrichment programs. Washington's research revolves around creativity, eminence, and talent development upon which has presented at several local, state, and national conferences. Washington was recently selected as a speaker in the Distinguished Lecture Series at Southern Methodist University. Prior to his work in research and administration, Washington was a band and orchestra director in the public schools of Detroit, Michigan; Richmond, Virginia and Portsmouth, Virginia.

Dr. James Lane (Leadership Council Chair-elect, Bridging Richmond; Superintendent, Goochland County PS)

James Lane began working as the superintendent of Goochland County Public Schools in December 2012. In this capacity, he collaborated with the Goochland community to create an innovative strategic plan focused on maximizing the potential of every student by personalizing the learning experience and infusing technology for every student to allow for anywhere, anytime learning. Lane has been recognized by the White House for his innovative instructional programs and Goochland was recently awarded a national recognition with the Flashlight Award for District Data Use for the district's work in creating a balanced and authentic assessment system. Dr. Lane was also recognized by Style Magazine as one of the Top 40 Under 40 in the Richmond region and by RichTech as a finalist for Education Innovator of the Year. Lane holds a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Teaching from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a Master of School Administration degree from North Carolina State University, and a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Virginia. In July 2016, Dr. Lane will become the next superintendent for Chesterfield County Public Schools.