

An Autobiography for Larry Donell Saulsberry, Jr.

Mr. Larry D. Saulsberry, Jr. is currently a Director of Teaching and Learning for K-12 Literacy within Huntsville City Schools located in Huntsville, AL. He has been an educator for nearly seventeen years. In addition, he previously served as one of the Directors of Instruction for Elementary, the principal of Elkmont Elementary School within Limestone County Schools, and the principal of Mount Olive Primary School within the Russell County School District; prior to that, he served as an assistant principal, instructional coach, and English language arts teacher. During his last year of teaching he was selected as Smiths Station Junior High's Teacher of the Year. Through his passion for education, he hopes to continue impacting many lives in positive ways to help students gain essential skills to be successful in society.

Mr. Saulsberry is a graduate student in a doctorate degree program at Auburn University where he also earned his master's and educational specialist degrees. He is a member of the Council of Leaders for Alabama Schools, the National Education Association, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. In addition, he was recently accepted to the AASA National Principal Supervisor Academy and the University of Alabama Superintendents' Academy. Furthermore, he serves as an Advisory Council member for the Auburn University Educational Leadership Program and the Village of Promise. Mr. Saulsberry graduated from Wilcox Central High as salutatorian. He then accepted a full-tuition academic scholarship to Alabama A&M University where he earned a bachelor's degree in Secondary English Education.

Mr. Saulsberry is a native of Gee's Bend, AL, but he currently resides in Athens, AL, with his wife, Melissa, and their three sons. Recently, Mr. Saulsberry has gained a newfound passion to share about his maternal grandmother's legacy and her work as one of the Gee's Bend Quilters. One of his favorite quotes is by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which says, "Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."