



David Paladin-Fernandez

David Paladin-Fernandez has been a resident of Alexandria since 2016 after spending the beginning part of his life in North Carolina. Like many young people, David did not know exactly what he wanted to do with his life, but he knew he wanted to help people. After many twists and turns, David ultimately settled on finding ways to support young people become their best selves, and this has taken many forms.

Professionally, David is a 6th and 7th grade science teacher at Jefferson-Houston K-8 School in the mornings, and a wrestling coach for the Alexandria City High School Titans in the afternoon. Through his work David has educated middle schoolers about the wonders of science, helped double Jefferson-Houston's Science SOL passing rate during his first year at the school, and was selected Jefferson-Houston's 2019 PTA Teacher of the Year. As a coach David has helped mentor numerous Titans to placing at the state level enroute to being named the District's 2019 Assistant Coach of the Year. However, he is most proud of the number of students and wrestlers who have walked across the stage to call themselves graduates of ACHS.

In his off time, you can probably find David pestering elected officials about something school related and volunteering for various causes like Cornerstone Craftsman and Alexandria ALIVE!. If he isn't doing that then he is unwinding through writing and napping on the couch!

All in all, David has built a life centered on educating young people and expanding their opportunities. As such, he is committed to ensuring all students have the opportunities to thrive, regardless of where they come from.