

Phillip Hosfeldt – superintendent licensure

Why did you choose your degree program? How has it helped you grow personally and professionally?

I am currently pursuing my educational specialist degree in superintendent licensure. It has helped me grow both personally and professionally as I have progressed through the program. As a grant writer and district administrator for Vienna High School, I have put many of my skills in budgeting, school law, and public policy to use in applications, meetings, and improving the lives of students and families in our community. Personally, the relationships that I have built with my professors and my fellow cohort members will last a lifetime, and I cannot thank them enough for their support.

What are you most proud of accomplishing during your time here?

Since getting my master's degree in education in educational administration and leadership, my wife and I have both switched jobs, switched homes, and have had our first baby. So, to say I have been able to overcome those life events and still be successful in this degree field, I am very pleased with how it has all turned out.

If you could go back in time, what advice would you give your first-year self?

I would tell my first-year self that it was going to be a long and bumpy road but to stick with it because it would be worth it in the end.

Who helped you the most on your journey?

My wife, Laura, has been my biggest supporter in this journey, and I would not have accomplished what I have without her. She is definitely the power behind the throne in our household!

What's next after graduation?

I don't officially graduate until December since I still have two fall classes left, but up next would be my Doctor of Education degree.