

DR. DRED SCOTT, President, Civic Council of Kansas City



Dr. Dred Scott was born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri. He graduated from Bishop Hogan High School, a small Catholic high school in the inner-city. Dr. Scott obtained an undergraduate degree from Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, MO. Later, he obtained a master's degree in School Administration from Central Missouri State University. Dred Scott earned a doctorate in Educational Leadership at Baker University, located in Baldwin City, KS.

Dr. Scott worked in different capacities for 11 years in the Raytown C-2 School District. He first worked as an elementary teacher, teaching for four years in a CWC (Class Within a Class) classroom. This inclusionary model allowed students with special needs to receive instructional support in the regular classroom who would have normally been self-contained. Dred was honored as the District's Teacher of the Year during his third year of teaching. Next, Dr. Scott worked as an elementary school building principal. His school contained the highest at-risk population in the district. Throughout

Dr. Scott's tenure, he helped lead the staff in transforming the school from the lowest performing school in the district to one of the highest. This is an accomplishment that remains one of his proudest to date. Finally, Dred Scott worked as the Executive Director of Support Services. This was a district level position involving oversight of the transportation, buildings and grounds, and food service departments. The position also included management of new construction as part of a thirty-million-dollar bond. Dred supervised the construction of a new elementary school, early childhood center, and additions to both of the district's high schools.

Dr. Scott joined the Independence School District in 2008. He was the Deputy Superintendent responsible for all aspects of curriculum, instruction, and assessment across the district (PK-12). Dred worked closely with the district's superintendent and Board of Education on matters related to the district and community. He led several district-wide initiatives including employee negotiations, leadership selection and development, and employee recognition.

Dr. Dred Scott was the President & CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City from 2018-2022. In this role, Dred brought an increased level of leadership on the Club's strategic priorities and assuring the Clubs' success for generations to come. His experience, vision, passion, and leadership were a great match for Boys & Girls Clubs youth, staff, and community partners.

Dr. Scott joined the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City as President in August 2022. His wife, TuJuania, is a branch manager for Mazuma Credit Union. They have been married 22 years. The couple has two sons, Antione and Quincy, and one daughter, Kayla. The family has lived in Independence the past 19 years.

Dr. Dred Scott is extremely passionate about individuals who are disadvantaged or disenfranchised. In sports and movies, Dred naturally pulls for the "underdog." This same tendency surfaces when Dred observes community members in need. The need can be financial, emotional, social, mental, or educational. Dr. Scott is inspired by the desire to prove individuals from marginalized circumstances can achieve at high levels regardless of their past or present circumstance.