

Want a Better Tomorrow? Let's Start in America's Classrooms.

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In the second season of podcast series What I Want to Know, Kevin P. Chavous examines CRT, non-college pathways, bullying, and other complex topics

HERNDON, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Traditional education is undergoing a dramatic shift, creating an opportunity to improve the way we serve learners of all ages. Spurred by his own curiosity and the changing tide of education in the U.S., Kevin P. Chavous has turned to innovators from across the education and workforce development spaces to ask: "How can we do better?" The podcast series **What I Want to Know with Kevin P. Chavous** is officially returning for a second season, continuing the hard conversations about how we can ensure access and equity for all learners in a rapidly changing, post-pandemic world.

"Advancing technology, evolving social norms, and the ongoing pandemic are rapidly changing almost every aspect of society and culture, and yet our education system is still stuck in the 1950s," said Kevin P. Chavous, host of What I Want to Know and President at Stride, Inc. "Season two asks the hard questions and takes a critical look at the system in place, the nuanced ways in which it's currently failing America's learners and educators, and the roles we must play to improve it."

Produced by **Podville Media**, What I Want to Know has covered a range of topics addressing the massive shifts in education accelerated by COVID-19, earning more than 30,000 downloads since its debut in April 2021. Past topics include students' mental health, the relevance of academic assessments, career preparation, and the politics of education today, with appearances from notable guests like political scientist and prolific author Dr. Rick Hess, ESPN analyst and NBA legend Jalen Rose, and educator and businessperson Stedman Graham.

In season two, Chavous keeps up this momentum and seeks to understand the issues facing parents, young

students, adult learners, and educators by addressing a myriad of questions, including: Is there a new parent voice post-pandemic? What does bullying look like in 2021? What are the biggest challenges facing Hispanic and Latino students? And how did CRT become a central political issue of our time?

Chavous continues to tap into some of the greatest minds in the education sector. The second season includes a nationally recognized leader on bullying prevention and director of PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center, Julie Hertzog, as well as Amalia Chamorro, Director of Education Policy at UnidosUS focusing on advancing equity for Latino students. They join the likes of other notable leaders, educators, and innovators who make guest appearances on the show, such as Idaho State Representative Chris Mathias, CEO of Prince Georges County Public Schools Dr. Monica Goldson, Miami Police Chief Art Acevedo, and Early Childhood Psychologist Dr. Michael Troy.

The **first episode of season two** is now streaming on **Apple Podcasts**, **Spotify**, and wherever podcasts are available. In the season two premiere, Chavous is joined by former Senator Tom Daschle to tackle the question of how we can overcome partisan politics to support undocumented students.

Kevin P. Chavous is a noted education reform leader and innovator. He was formerly the Education Committee Chair of the Council of the District of Columbia, and is the author of six books on education in the U.S. In his role as President at Stride, Inc., Chavous works to build upon the company's legacy of supporting lifelong learning for more than two million students over the last two decades.

New episodes of What I Want To Know with Kevin P. Chavous are released every week, and listeners can join the conversation on social media using #WIWTK. For more information, visit www.stridelearning.com/podcast.

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