



Dr. Dustin Krein is a visionary educator and community leader who has made a profound impact on education and community engagement. With a diverse and extensive educational background, Dr. Krein's journey has been marked by his commitment to innovation, collaboration, and the betterment of students and families. As the Community Partnership School Director at Mort Elementary, affiliated with the Children's Home Society of Florida, he has demonstrated unwavering dedication to enhancing the lives of those he serves.

Dr. Krein's academic journey includes a Doctor of Education degree with a focus on Program Development and an Emphasis in Education Innovation from the University of South Florida. This educational foundation has enabled him to approach his role at Mort Elementary with a comprehensive and innovative perspective, fostering a learning environment that addresses the holistic needs of students and families.

With a Master of Education in Counselor Education from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Dr. Krein possesses a deep understanding of human development and the importance of mentorship. This background has been instrumental in his efforts to break down barriers between school and family, enhance parental skills, and support student learning and academic success through effective communication and community partnerships.

Having earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, Dr. Krein's proficiency in communication and critical thinking has been pivotal in his advocacy for education and community engagement. His ability to navigate complex situations with a solution-focused mindset has elevated his effectiveness in driving positive outcomes.

Dr. Krein's exceptional contributions are evident in his achievements as the Community Partnership School Director at Mort Elementary. He has worked tirelessly to cultivate relationships with community members and organizations, securing grants and donations totaling \$73,000 and \$30,000 respectively. These contributions have directly benefited students and families within the Hispanic community he serves.

His commitment to the community extends beyond his role as a director. Dr. Krein has actively participated in various organizations and committees, including serving as a Board Director for the Kiwanis Club of Uptown/Temple Terrace, being a part of the University Partner Network Committee at the University of Central Florida's Center for Community Schools, and contributing to multiple committees aimed at improving community engagement and educational services.

Dr. Krein's dedication has garnered recognition and accolades. He was honored with the Community Hall of Fame Award from The Skills Center, the Student Success Award for Collaboration from USF, and the Community Partnership Award from the Tampa Heights Junior Civic Association.

With a heart-driven commitment to education and community, Dr. Dustin Krein exemplifies the transformative power of leadership and innovation. His determination to make a meaningful difference, coupled with his empathy and language acquisition efforts to connect with the Hispanic community, showcase his profound dedication to fostering an environment of growth, learning, and empowerment at Mort Elementary and beyond.

