



Title: Rising Star of Education: Rachel Wisnefski

Show Notes:

Are you curious about the future of education and how it's being shaped by innovative leaders? In this engaging episode, host Kevin Stoller guides us through a captivating dialogue that spans Rachel's journey from her upbringing in South Carolina to her remarkable achievements as a Rising Star NexGen Award winner. But that's just the beginning. We uncover insights into the intricate world of school finances and funding models, gaining a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities that shape educational equity. But it doesn't stop there. Kevin and Rachel venture into the future of education, exploring what success means for the next generation and envisioning the evolving dynamics of learning in a rapidly changing world. From education conferences to the intricacies of hiring an executive director and fundraising for nonprofits to the art of parenting amidst entrepreneurial endeavors, this episode offers a rich tapestry of topics that will leave you inspired and informed.

Takeaways:

- Rachel's career path has taken her from wanting to be a fashion designer to working in law and eventually becoming a school board member.
- Financing education is a complex issue, with different states and districts relying on various funding models.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of well-maintained and innovative school facilities.
- The future of education should focus on providing opportunities and removing restrictions for students, allowing them to pursue their passions and interests.
- It is important for policymakers and stakeholders to have open and honest conversations about education funding and to prioritize the needs of students. Participating in education conferences and associations can be beneficial for networking and staying connected with industry professionals.
- Hiring an executive director with experience in education leadership can be valuable for organizations like ELO.
- Fundraising for a nonprofit can be challenging, but it is important to make the ask and leverage personal networks.
- Entrepreneurship and parenting can intersect, providing valuable lessons and experiences for children.

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