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Podcast Show Notes – Darion Allen

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Defining Us uses the power of media and the promise of education to inspire educators to join the conversation on the socio-political cultural issues that matter. In this episode of Defining Us...Stacey DeWitt interviews Darion Allen. Darion's story is highlighted in our Flagship Documentary, Children at the Crossroads of Change. Listen in as they discuss Darion's college experiences and his continued advocacy for others.

Powerful Moments

Throughout this podcast there are powerful moments that provide deeper insight into the individuals and topics discussed in this podcast.

- 4:21 – Putting it all on the line for a cause
- 7:42 – Taking initiative to solve big problems
- 11:45 – The real value of diversity
- 13:55 – Big generational changes
- 18:00 – Using art to explore emotional trauma
- 21:00 – Telling the story through Defining US
- 24:20 – Learning to maneuver different settings
- 27:25 – What under-represented students often face
- 30:45 – Moving past meritocracy
- 32:13 – The unseen value of an education
- 34:35 – Darion's experiences in high school and his take on education

Critical Reflection Questions (During and After the Listening)

Use the following critical reflection questions to make deeper meaning of the topics discussed in this episode.

- How do my own identity, experiences and knowledge influence my understanding of this topic?
- How does this topic connect with my current context?
- What are the implications to my practice?
- How can I support students in taking on and solving big important problems?
- How will I continue the conversation in my school/community/organization?

Inside the Conversation

Want to know more? Continue the learning with some of the important individuals, organizations, and topics discussed in this episode.

- [Darion's website](#)
- [Darion on Instagram](#)
- [Darion's LinkedIn page](#)
- [Darion shares about hosting a talk show on WSUM radio](#)

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- [Albert Elston Posse Los Angeles 16](#)
- [Emilie Hofacker, UW-Madison Posse Program Director](#)

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