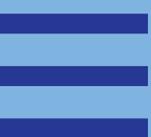


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Emmanuel attended The East Harlem School from 1998 to 2002, when the school still occupied the Exodus House rehabilitation center where co-founder Ivan Hageman was raised. He remembers his time in East Harlem fondly, loving the neighborhood and getting to know the community on Warrior Walks that Ivan led daily. Now, as an educator and diversity practitioner himself, Emmanuel knows the importance of understanding his students as his teachers at EHS once did. "You can't do this work if you don't know who is in the room," Emmanuel shared from his office in Connecticut, "and if you're not willing to learn, you're not ready to do the work." Emmanuel says his academic identity was formed at EHS by teachers like Ivan, Anne Ross and trustees like Dede Brooks, who helped him know that he could walk into any room at any school and be competitive. As he got older, Emmanuel learned that he could be himself, "whatever that looks like, (and) people are going to have to respect that."





Having met some of our recent graduates, Emmanuel sees now that EHS does an even better job preparing its graduates for the social, emotional, and cultural nuances that they might encounter as, say, a kid from the South Bronx attending Deerfield Academy, like Emmanuel did. After Deerfield, Emmanuel graduated from Bucknell University and then worked at schools in Baltimore and New York City as a teacher and administrator. He went onto receive his master's degree at Columbia University and now works at the Brunswick School. Emmanuel and his wife have two young daughters, Rae and Issa.

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