

JAMES MADISON HIGH SCHOOL

LEADING THROUGH EXCELLENCE AND EFFICIENCY



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Hello Madison Community

I would like to introduce myself and welcome everyone to the 2021-2022 academic school year.

My name is Dazhon Darien a bicoastal Baltimore, MD & Los Angeles, CA native. I also go by Coach Darien. I am a new teacher to the Madison family and Hiram Clarke community. I have spent the last 8 years in Higher Education as an Administrator in Student Affairs. I have served in the positions of Director of Student Life and Dean of Students. I attended the most illustrious institution of higher education Southern University A&M College located in Baton Rouge, LA.

I am also a student just like you and currently pursuing my Doctorate in Educational Leadership. Dr. Darien will be coming soon. When I'm not working, I love to spend time with my two sons, Theo and Jaiden. Theo is a freshman at Southern University and Jaiden just entered 1st grade.

I have high expectations for my students at all times. While I believe in a relaxed nurturing environment for learning, I am very no no-nonsense when it comes to classroom behavior and respect. I want all students to have a safe space to be themselves, while having the chance to learn and grow.

This year I will be teaching Algebraic Reasoning, which will primarily serve 10th graders. I also serve as the Defensive Coordinator for the Madison Marlins football team. Go Marlins!

This will be quite a unique year for our 10th graders as this will be the first time most of them will be in the building for high school. While this is exciting, it also will mean that we will need to set some reasonable expectations as they adjust. I'm so excited and looking forward to the 2021-2022 school year.

A few fun facts about me!!!

I am a huge Baltimore Ravens, Los Angeles Lakers, and LA Dodgers Fan!!!!!

I love to barbecue, so if you are ever having one, don't hesitate to invite me over.

Motorcycles and Jeeps are passions of mine. I have 3 jeeps and 5 motorcycles.

My mom is attending the same university in which I received my master's degree.

I can be reached by email <u>Dazhon.Darien@houstonisd.org</u> or on Microsoft Teams. I will also be available to be reached on Remind App.

I look forward to this new year.