



Scott Habeeb

After graduating from Christiansburg High School, Scott Habeeb began his college career at [Wake Forest University](#). He did pretty well there grade-wise, but was incredibly lonely for his beautiful high school sweetheart. So after his sophomore year, he asked the incredibly wonderful, lovely, and intelligent Julie Poff (man, he hopes she's reading this) to be his wife. They got married and Scott transferred to her school - [Virginia Tech](#) - where he soon became a rabid Hokie fan.

Being married seemed to help Scott's studies. With Julie making sure he worked hard, Scott graduated Summa Cum Laude from [Virginia Tech](#) in 1997 with a Bachelor of Arts in History. Along with being inducted into the [Phi Beta Kappa](#) honor society, that year, Scott was also the valedictorian of Virginia Tech's History Department and was selected as the Outstanding Senior of the Year for the College of Arts and Sciences. In the fall of 1997, Scott completed work on his Master's of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction, also at [Virginia Tech](#).

In 1997, Scott began teaching ninth grade [World History](#) at [Salem High School](#) in Salem, Virginia. As a part of his duties, he was a member of, and beginning in 2000, the leader of, one of Salem High School's [Freshman Transition Teams](#). Scott was also the Social Studies Department Chair and was active on Salem High School's Staff Development Committee.

Teaching in the high stakes climate created by the [Virginia Standards of Learning \(SOL\)](#) assessments became an enjoyable challenge for Scott. He enjoyed working to develop new strategies to help ninth graders achieve. In 2000, his [SOL](#) pass rate for [World History 1500-present](#) was a low 54%. One year later, after using more innovative techniques, his pass rate rose to over 89% - an increase of 35 points. Even when adjusted for the state's lowering of the cut score for passing, his pass rate still increased by 26 points. A belief that all teachers can make this kind of improvement and a belief that all students can be taught are two of the ideas that motivated him to help found Solutions, etc. in 2002.

In 2004, Scott was named as Salem High School's Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction, replacing his friend and colleague, Dr. Alan Seibert.

Scott began presenting to school systems and leading workshops in 1999. His workshops have dealt with [Freshman Transition Programs](#), Giving Students Second Chances to Recover from Bad Choices, [Designing Goal-Oriented High School Plans with Students](#), [Designing Webpages](#), Classroom Management Strategies, and Innovative Instructional Strategies.

Scott's greatest accomplishment to date is the fact that he somehow convinced Julie to marry him. This marriage has led to 3 wonderful children - Kaitlin Ashley, Kelsey Grace, and McKenna Reagan. Scott's totally unbiased view is that they are the 4 most beautiful women in the entire world.

For more information on workshops led by Scott, or to contact him in general, email him at shabeeb@solutionsetc.org.