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Dr. Dau Jok is an optimistic results-oriented leader with proven experience in non-profit, military, coaching, and education. A former Division I basketball captain, Dr. Jok is a 2021-2 SEL Fellow for the CASEL Fellows Academy, non-profit director, Captain in the United States Army Reserve, and a national speaker. His quest to create inclusive communities of human excellence by humanizing knowledge, leadership, and work is informed by his indigenous Dinka (South Sudan) roots. Dr. Jok currently serves as the Executive Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for West Des Moines Community Schools in West Des Moines, Iowa.

Dr. Jok holds a BA in Philosophy from the University of Pennsylvania, a MSc in Global Leadership from Goldsmiths, University of London, and a Ph.D. in Education from Drake University. His research and praxis focus on Indigenous Knowledge Systems—Indigenous Education and Leadership—leadership, diversity, equity, and inclusion, and social and emotional learning/emotional intelligence.

His foundation, the Dut Jok Youth Foundation has served more than 2,100 youth in three countries and is currently active in South Sudan, his motherland. He was the collegiate winner of the prestigious Coach Wooden Citizenship Cup in 2014 as well as the 2014 All-State NABC (National Association of Basketball Coaches) for his work on-and-off the court. Dr. Jok is an Associate of the Harambe Entrepreneurial Alliance, an international alliance of African entrepreneurs across all sectors.

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