Somali Students in the Diaspora & The Dual Life Experience

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Understanding where your students are coming from
What Shapes Their Experience

- Family and Community Background
- School Culture
- Individual Factors

Individual Differences

Success or Failure
Almost every Somali individual in the Diaspora has what he/she considers family back home. What happens there has a profound, and *immediate*, effect on the psyche of the community here.

**Examples? Notable cases?**
Family and Community

The Real Conditions of the Parents

The Support System

Internal and External Relations

The Neighborhoods

Living in Two Parallel worlds

Unique to the Somali Community

Mentoring Programs, support groups at school