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Education:

ED.D. Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, Indiana University School of Education, 2011
ED.S. Educational Leadership and Curriculum and Instruction, Indiana University School of Education, 2009
M.A. Special Education, Indiana University, 1990
B.A. Special Education, Indiana University, 1981

Indiana Licensure:

Superintendent, Indiana University, 2009
Director Special Education, Indiana University, School of Special Education, 2000
Secondary Administration and Supervision, Indiana University, 1997
Elementary Administrative and Supervision, Indiana University, 1998

Employment History:

Superintendent of Schools, MSD Warren Township Schools, 2012-Present
Deputy Superintendent, MSD Warren Township Schools, 2011-2012
Associate Superintendent, MSD Warren Township Schools, 2008-2011
Principal, Liberty Park Elementary School, 2003-2008
Assistant Principal, Raymond Park Middle School, 1999-2003
Supervisor Special Education, South Bend Community Schools, 1992-1999
Special Education Teacher, South Bend Community Schools, 1981-1992

Affiliations:

YMCA Advisory Board
Eastside Redevelopment Committee
District Administration Leadership Institute
UNCF Honorary Chair, present
Indiana University Alumni Board, 2013-present
Jane Pauley Community Health Center Advisory Board, 2012-present
Eastside Rotary Club, 2012-present
Tuition Contributor to Early Childhood Program, 1999-present
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
Warren Education Foundation Grant Committee, 2008-present
Facilitator at Harvard University Special Education Urban Collaborative, 1996
Served on the Urban Education Excellence Advisory Council for IUPUI, March, 2013.

Presentations:

- "On the Road to Success", July 25, 2014.

- “Personalized Learning”, February 13, 2014.
- “Introducing Common Core to Parents and Community”, February 8, 2014.
- “Personalized Learning”, ISBA Fall Conference, September 23-24, 2013.
- “Personalized Education for 2025 and Beyond”, November 13, 2013.
- Presented to legislators on Common Core, 2013-2014
- Served on a Panel on WFYI radio show “No Limits” program kicking off the 2013 “Indy Talks” series of discussion, January 31, 2013.
- Class Act and Distinguished Gentleman Group, Warren Central High School, November 10, 2012.
- “Getting to the Heart of the Matter, The Pathway to Success”, Presented to Stanley K. Lacy Executive Leadership Group, Greater Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, October 18, 2012.
- “8 Step Instructional Process”, Presented to State Board of Education, Cultural Competency, 2012.
- “Appropriate Communication”, Presented to MSD Warren Township New Staff, August 20, 2012.
- IFF Presentation of Preliminary Findings, IPS, August 14, 2012.
- “Getting to the Heart of the Matter, The Pathway to Success”, Presented on Opening Day to all MSD Warren Township staff, July 27, 2012.
- Served on various educational panels around the county.

Awards/Citations:

- Distinguished Achievement Award in Education K-12 from the Center for Leadership Development, March 2015
- Nomine for 2014 *Indianapolis Business Journal* Women of Influence
- 2012 MSD Warren Township School District was awarded \$28.5 million grant from the United States Department of Education as a Race to the Top finalist
- 2010 Finalist in the CLD Professional and Business Leadership Award
- 2010 All elementary schools she supervised met the federal guidelines for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)
- 2008 Principal of Liberty Park Elementary School which received a National Blue Ribbon Award in Washington D.C.
- 1999 Pi Alpha Alpha Distinguished Public Service Award
- 1998 YWCA Tribute to Women Award in Education
- 1985 Teacher of the Year Award
- PTA Lifetime Achievement Award

Personal:

Participated in CHORUS/IAPSS Leadership Development Series, 2012-2013

References:

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