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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

DAPHNE HIGH SCHOOL (Baldwin County Public Schools) 1,300 students, *Daphne AL*, October 2010 - September 2020

Principal

- Developed a co-owned school vision known as our 5 Pillars of Success: i) Academic Press, ii) Community, iii) Entrepreneurship, iv) Civic-Mindedness and v) Internationalism
- Led school to 2012 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award (first and only school in the Baldwin County School District to receive NBR school award)
- Nurtured and strongly supported the school's highly successful academic, athletic, fine arts, ROTC, and career tech programs
- Collaborated with feeder pattern leadership to develop the 7 characteristics of a Daphne High School graduate. This idea and the corresponding definitions were recognized and publicly endorsed as exemplary by Alabama State Department of Education Superintendent, Dr. Tommy Bice, and were later adopted by the Baldwin County Board of Education for all high schools
- Hosted many dignitaries from foreign nations in partnership with United State Sports Academy including the Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia and the Prince of Jordan (see attached article from Malaysian News)
- Conducted workshops for administrators across state on behalf of the Alabama State Department of Education – related to project-based learning
- Instituted the first foreign language program in the southeast offering Arabic
- Designated Apple certified administrator for district resulting in being leader for grant initiatives (trained in Cupertino, CA)
- Instituted numerous programs and projects

DAPHNE HIGH SCHOOL (Baldwin County Public Schools) 1,200 students, *Daphne AL*, 2008 - 2010

Assistant Principal

MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL (Mobile County Public Schools) 2,700 students, *Mobile AL*, 2007 – 2008

Assistant Principal

DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES (Mobile County Public Schools) 65,000 students - *Mobile AL*, 2003 – 2007

Coordinator, Personnel

BUMPUS MIDDLE SCHOOL (Hoover City Schools), 700 students, *Birmingham AL*, 2001 – 2003

8th Grade Language Arts Teacher

- Steering/Planning Committee Chairperson for Southern Accreditation of Colleges/Schools accreditation review
- Department Chairperson – 6th, 7th, and 8th grade English Department
- Professional Development Committee Chairperson
- District Representative for Professional Development Council

SIMMONS MIDDLE SCHOOL (Hoover City Schools), 900 students, *Birmingham AL* 1998 – 2001

8th Grade Language Arts Teacher

- Southern Accreditation of Colleges and Schools Chairperson
- Representative for District Staff Development Council
- School Leadership Team Member

TUSCALOOSA MIDDLE SCHOOL (Tuscaloosa City Schools), 700 students, *Tuscaloosa AL* 1995 – 1998

7th Grade English Teacher

- English Department Chairperson and School Discipline Committee Chairperson
- Conducted workshops at other local schools and presented extensive strategies to enhance reading and writing instruction across the curriculum
- School Renewal Chairperson for Academic Performance, Curriculum and Instruction
- 7th and 8th grade girls and boys soccer and tennis coach

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION

LIFE PURPOSE INSTITUTE, San Diego, CA; 2020

Life Coach Certification

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, Tuscaloosa, AL; 2013-14

Superintendents Academy

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Palo Alto, CA; July 2011

Apple Academy Certification

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, Nashville, TN; May 2011

Doctor of Education

- Received the Arville V. Wheeler Award of Excellence at Graduation awarded to the top student in each graduating class (see attached newspaper clipping)
- Received both Julia Tutwiler and Dean's Academic Scholarships

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM, Birmingham, AL; 2001

Educational Leadership & Administration Certification

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM, Birmingham, AL; 2000

Master of Arts, English

- Summa Cum Laude graduate

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Auburn, AL; 1995

Bachelor of Arts, Education (Secondary English and Spanish)

- Summa Cum Laude graduate
- Mortar Board and Omicron Delta Kappa Academic Honor Societies
- President, Chi Omega Sorority and Panhellenic Council Board Member

RHODES COLLEGE, Memphis, TN; 1991-1992

- Vice President, Sorority Pledge Class
- 3.3 GPA

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL, Mobile, AL; 1991

High School Diploma

- National Honor Society
- SGA Class Representative
- Tennis team (#2), Starter: Soccer team and Volleyball team

FAIRHOPE, AL: Mother to three sons