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Education

Ed.S., Curriculum Instructional Specialist
East Carolina University, Greenville, NC
July 1990

M.A., Library Media Studies
Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
December 1982

B.A., Media Studies
Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
June 1979

Professional Experience

6/22 – Present	Guest Counselor Small Business Center Beaufort County Community College
8/18 – 6/22	Library Media Specialist Hardeeville Ridgeland Middle School Hardeeville, SC
8/17 – 6/18	Library Media Specialist Joseph S. Shanklin Elementary School Beaufort, SC
3/03 – 7/17	Director of Grants and Development Beaufort County Schools Washington, NC (Superintendent Donald Phipps)
8/99 – 3/03	Library Media Coordinator Southside High School Chocowinity, NC
8/97 – 7/99	Library Media Coordinator Princeville Montessori Princeville, NC
8/88 – 11/91	Library Media Coordinator Eastern Elementary School Greenville, NC

8/87 – 6/88	Library Media Coordinator Southern Nash Senior High School Bailey, NC
10/82 – 6/87	Library Media Coordinator Jenkins Elementary School Hickory, NC (Principal Beverly S. White)

Awards and Honors

First Union Outstanding Educator Award, Catawba County, NC, 1987

Major Grants Obtained for Beaufort County Schools

Emergency Response and Crisis Management, U.S. Dept. of Education/ Office of Homeland Security, October 2004, \$93,000

Improving Literacy Through School Libraries, U.S. Department of Education, October 2005, \$252,000

Teaching American History, U. S. Department of Education, July 2006, \$466,000; September 2010, \$442,000

Distance Learning and Telemedicine, U.S. Department of Agriculture, February 2006, \$114,000; November 2006, \$89,000; November 2016, \$63,000

North Carolina Dropout Prevention Grant, NC Department of Public Instruction, March 2007, \$150,000; March 2008, \$150,000; February 2010, \$175,000; February 2011, \$175,000

Learn and Earn Early College High School, North Carolina New Schools Project, Planning Grant, July 2007, \$40,000; Implementation Grant, March 2008, \$1,500,000

21st Century Community Learning Center Summer Program Grant, NC Department of Public Instruction, April 2010, \$50,000

21st Century Community Learning Center Grant, NC Department of Public Instruction, August 2010, \$1,020,000, 2010-2014; August 2014, 1,062,500, 2014-2018.

Math Science Partnership, NC Department of Public Instruction, July 2011, \$562,516

Innovative Approaches to Literacy, U.S. Department of Education, October 2012, \$709,000

Farm to School, U.S. Department of Agriculture, September 2012, \$98,000; September 2017, \$98,000

In addition to the above grants awarded to Beaufort County Schools, I was also a contracted grant writer for the Sandhills Regional Education Consortium; the City of Washington, NC; Beaufort County NC Government; Pitt County NC Public Schools; East Carolina University; and

Edstar Analytics (Raleigh, NC). These entities or their clients received a combined total exceeding \$36 million through projects I helped prepare between 2004 and 2021.

In 2018 I assisted Neighborhood Outreach Connection (NOC), in partnership with Beaufort County Schools, SC with the preparation of a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant application to the SC Department of Education. This grant, totaling \$925,567 over four years (2018-2022) was awarded to NOC in August 2018. As an employee of Jasper County School District in Ridgeland, SC, I helped the district win a four-year, \$600,000 Education and Economic Development Act grant (EEDA) in 2019 from the SC Department of Education. I also submitted the \$70,000 Perkins Reserve Grant application to the SC Department of Education in 2021 that enhanced programming at the district's Career and Advanced Technology Education Center.

I attribute my success as a grant writer to my responsibilities between 2003 and 2017, during which I located funding opportunities, prepared grant applications, and managed grant-funded projects for Beaufort County Schools, NC. My academic degrees provided me with a broad knowledge of school curriculum and educational administration. My office in Beaufort County Schools was located within the school district's Finance Department, which increased my knowledge of budgeting, financial management, and payroll regulations. Understanding the grant management process helps me design projects that operate in an accountable manner.

All of the projects with which I was involved at Beaufort County Schools, NC fulfilled reporting requirements without incident and were audited without findings. The Pathways dropout prevention and recovery program, funded with a series of four NC Dropout Prevention Grants, was among the three Dropout Prevention programs commended before the NC General Assembly out of more than 200 Dropout Prevention grants awarded between 2007-2011. The Beaufort County Early College High School is among the highest performing high schools in North Carolina. Both the Early College High School and Pathways program have remained operational since they were established in 2008.