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Education:

- 2003 - Ed.D., Curriculum & Instruction, University of Sarasota
- 1994 - M.Ed., Reading, Barry University
- 1989 - B.A., French, University of Miami

Professional Experience:

INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE (2001- Present)

Vice President of Academic Affairs: 2016- Present

Primary duties include: work with President's Cabinet and the board to set the strategic vision of the college; have primary leadership responsibilities for planning, implementing and assessing educational programs in collaboration with deans and faculty; coordinate all major college efforts and communication with adjuncts; represent the college throughout the community, the state and at the national level

Accomplishments include:

- Addressed a major concern of faculty college-wide that they had been voicing for years related to how they are being evaluated. Facilitated a faculty led project to identify key indicators of an effective IRSC faculty member, determine how to assess those indicators and align them with potential professional development opportunities. (Professional Excellences Project)
- Continued the work begun by my predecessor on the AACC Pathways Project and represented the college at Institutes #3, #4, and #6 which focused on developmental education, teaching & learning and working with boards.
- Applied for and received a Frontier Set Grant, supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
- Represented the Division of Academic Affairs during the application process for the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence in 2017, where we came in tied for second as a College of Distinction
- One of five team members working with Deloitte consulting on the creation of a transformational model in higher education
- Selected to be an AACC - National Community College's Hispanic Council Leadership Fellow
- Have implemented major math initiatives to counteract our biggest obstacle to student completion (math)
- Restructured new faculty orientation program and created an Enlightened Leaders series for instructional deans
- Working on eliminating stand-alone developmental education classes for the fall 2018 (co-req model)

Dean of the School of Education (2012-2016)

Primary duties include: Supervised all full time and part time faculty and staff in the areas of Teacher Education, Developmental Education and Adult Education; responsible for ensuring that enrollment, retention and completion goals were met; represented the college on various Florida Department of Education committees and workgroups

Accomplishments include:

- Served as the first dean in this newly-created division of the college at the request of the college president
- Responsible for securing approximately \$13M in grants during my four year tenure in this position (including the largest single grant in the history of the college - \$8.3M)
- Provided the model that we are currently using for assessment of the general education learning outcomes college wide
- Was instrumental in helping IRSC become an ATD (Achieving the Dream) Leader College and serve as Core Team Leader/ATD Liaison
- As Executive Director of IPDAE (Institute for the Professional Development of Adult Educators), worked with the Florida Department of Education Adult Ed and Career and Technical Education bureau chiefs to customize training throughout the state
- Led the redesign of developmental education as a result of SB1720
- Represented the School of Education during the application process for the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence in 2015, where we placed in the top ten
- Created the sixth BS in Education degree program to be offered at IRSC – Elementary Education w/ESOL and Reading
- Nominated and selected by fellow deans in the state to become the president of FACTE (Florida Association of Colleges for Teacher Education), a chapter of AACTE (American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education). As such, I represent all the colleges of education in the state of Florida at both the Florida Department of Education and in Washington D.C. at AACTE convenings. I will be serving in this capacity until March of 2018.

Department Chair, Teacher Education (2008-2012)

Primary duties include: Coordinating all schedules, managing the budget and hiring and supervising all adjunct and full-time faculty; in addition to teaching class, supporting students and participating in community and college activities

Accomplishments include:

- Moved into this position in order to lead the creation of 5 BS degrees in Education: ESE w/ESOL, Middle School Math, Middle School Science, Secondary Math, Secondary Biology and to ensure their approval through the Florida Department of Education
- Promoted to full Professor
- Created a chapter of Kappa Delta Pi (honor society for education majors) – the first Bachelor's Honor Society at the college

Professor, Teacher Education (2001-2008)

Primary duties include: Teaching class, supporting students and participating in community and college activities

Accomplishments include:

- Began as a Master Instructor, promoted to Assistant Professor then to Associate Professor
- Part of a team that helped the college successfully complete the renewal of our accreditation through SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools)
- Became advisor to our chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and turned it in to an award-winning chapter, both at the state and national levels
- Applied for and received my first grant (iDL Systems)

VARIOUS K-12 Institutions (1990-2001)

- Taught French, Spanish, Reading

Awards:

- Phi Theta Kappa International Distinguished Advisor – 2011
- League for Innovation *Innovation of the Year* – 2011
- Indian River State College Club Advisor of the Year - 2010
- Indian River State College President's Cup – 2008
- Indian River State College River Award– 2008
- Susan H. Johnson Endowed Teaching Chair – 2008
- Indian River Community College Faculty of the Month – 2006
- Who's Who Among America's Teachers – 2005
- Indian River Community College Leading the Way - 2003

Presentations:

- St. Lucie County Summer High School Graduation Keynote – 2017
- Florida Council for Instructional Affairs – “Developmental Education: Promising Instructional Models” – 2016
- St. Lucie County Jail Inmate Graduation Keynote – 2016
- ACE (Adult and Community Educators) Florida Summer Symposium – “Oh, the Places you Can Go” – 2014
- Fort Pierce Rotary Club – “Indian River State College: Something for Everyone” – 2013
- FATE (Florida Association of Teacher Educators) – “Becoming a Literacy Leader” – 2007
- FATE (Florida Association of Teacher Educators) – “Connection of College Faculty with Online Resources to Improve Reading Instruction” – 2006
- Treasure Coast Counseling Association Quarterly Meeting – “Trends in Public Education at the Secondary and Post-Secondary Levels in Florida” – 2003

Other Experience/Service:

- The Learning Alliance – Serve as Board Member – 2016 to present
- St. Lucie United Way – member of Education Vision Council – 2016 to present
- AACTE (American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education) – serve as the Florida Delegate and participate in the yearly State leaders' Institute – 2016
- Florida Department of Education – member of Professional Development Advisory Committee – 2014-2016
- Florida Department of Education – member of Common Pre-Requisites Steering Committee – 2015-2016
- Florida Department of Education – pilot site visit team member (new Florida Standards) - 2013-2014
- Florida Department of Education – reading program review team leader – 2013
- Graduate of Leadership St. Lucie (Class 31) – 2012
- Florida Department of Education – site visit team member – 2011
- Florida Department of Education – member of the FIC (FEAP Implementation Committee)- 2011

Publications:

- PRAXIS I Reading Exam Study Guide – 2001
ISBN #1-58197-057-9
- PRAXIS II Spanish Exam Study Guide – 2001
ISBN #1-58197-058-7
- CLAST Reading Study Guide – 2000
ISBN #1-58197-082-X

Grants:

- Bill and Melinda Gates – Frontier Set Network - \$600K – 2016
- Florida Department of Education – various Adult Education - \$2.1M - 2014
- U.S. Department of Education – Title III – “Driving Outcomes in Programs through Implementation of Efficient, Engaging and Effective Practices” - \$1.5M – 2014
- Florida Department of Education – “Development and Delivery of Professional Development on Resources Available to Support Implementation of the Florida Standards” - \$8.3M – 2013
- iDL Systems of MIT – creation of online blended environment - \$50K - 2005