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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Doctor of Education,
Northern Illinois University, May 1989, Counseling

Education Specialist
Louisiana State University, 1985, Counseling

Master of Arts
Ball State University, 1975, Counseling

Bachelor of Arts
Grambling State University, 1973, Music

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

National Certified Counselor
Certificate Number 9447

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

July 2007 – Present

Associate Vice-President for Pre-College Youth Development Programs and Student Academic Success Initiatives, Division of Diversity and Community Engagement; University of Texas; Austin, TX 78723

Provide leadership for college access programs for underrepresented elementary through high school students in several Texas cities to increase their participation in higher education. K-12 programs within the Portfolio include: Neighborhood Longhorns; University Outreach; SPURS; and ChemBridge. Promote student, staff, and faculty diversity at the university level through recruitment, programming, and retention efforts. Build coalitions within the University community to implement student diversity initiatives. University programs within the Portfolio have included: Gender & Sexuality Center; Multicultural Information Center; and Longhorn Center for Academic Excellence (e.g., Preview, Gateway, Longhorn Links, McNair Scholars, UTransition Programs). Formulate goals for programs, gathers and analyzes data to evaluate program effectiveness. Budget administration.

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September 2004 – June 2007

Assistant Vice-President and Executive Director, University Outreach Center; University of Texas; Austin, Texas 78702

Chief Program Administration for five centers, located in Austin, Dallas, Houston, McAllen and San Antonio. Supervision of center's directors in implementation of college-preparatory programs and services for students in grades 8-12. Public relations with school superintendents, principals and their staff, community leaders, and parents.

May 1995 – August 2000

Executive Director & Director, University Outreach Center – Austin; University of Texas; Austin, Texas 78702

Duties were the same as above as well as managing the Austin Center.

July 1992 - April 1995

Associate Dean of Students for Retention Services, Office of the Dean of Students; University of Texas; Austin, Texas 78713

Planned, implemented, and evaluated programs to retain ethnic minority students. Supervised a team of professional and paraprofessional staff members. Budget administration. Taught courses in Educational Psychology. Collaborated with other campus departments and off-campus agencies to provide programs, activities, and services. Published newsletters and brochures. Public speaker at university and community programs. Communicated with parents. Problem solving for students, as needed. Chartered Mu Upsilon Chapter, ΣΓΠ Sorority, and served as Adviser for Innervisions Gospel Choir.

August 1989- July 1992

Assistant Dean of Students for Retention Services, Office of the Dean of Students; University of Texas; Austin, Texas 78713

Duties and responsibilities were the same as above.

October 1985 - July 1989

Counselor/Psychotherapist and Minority Programs Coordinator, Counseling and Student Development Center; Northern Illinois University; DeKalb, Illinois 60115

Provided personal, career, and educational counseling for students and staff members (individual and group); crisis intervention and rotation in emergency on-call system; consultation with residence hall staff and other offices on campus; supervision of Master's level counseling

students. Provided training and supervision of minority peer counselors who present workshops and assist new freshmen with transitional adjustments. Coordinated the Minority Students Assistance Program (MSAP), i. e., planned programs, implemented an annual Minority Student Welcome Night Program. Provided guidance as faculty adviser for Zeta Nu Chapter, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

August 1977 - September 1985

Tutorial Coordinator/Counselor and Instructor in Education, Student Special Services, Louisiana State University at Eunice, Eunice, Louisiana 70535

Supervised student tutors and managed tutorial services for program students including budget and fiscal management. Trained and supervised peer counselors who assisted approximately 350 program students. Provided personal and career counseling as well as academic advisement for students in Special Services and Developmental Studies. Taught an orientation course and a college reading course for new freshmen. Founder and faculty adviser to the Awareness of Culture, Education, and Society (ACES) Club.

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Nelson, W. L. (1994). Receptivity to institutional assistance: An Important variable for African-American and Mexican-American student achievement. Journal of College Student Development, 35, 378-383.

Carreathers, K., Coatie, R., & Nelson, W. L. (1996). Three exemplary programs. In I. H. Johnson & A. J. Ottens (Eds.), Retention of Regularly-Admitted Students of Color (New Directions in Student Services). San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES & SERVICES

Founding President, African American Staff Advocating Progress – University of Texas

African American Community Relations Task Force (Chairman, Retention Committee)

Committee on Undergraduate Education (Ad Hoc)

Financial Aid Committee of the General Faculty (Administrative Adviser)

Minority Liaisons Committee

Recruitment and Retention Committee of the General Faculty (Administrative Adviser)

Retention Services Concerns Committee (Chairman)

Migrant Student Advisory Board

Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) Administrative Council at UT

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Statue Planning Committee

United Campus Ministers Committee (University Liaison)

Faculty Adviser, Innervisions Gospel Choir

Faculty Adviser, Mu Upsilon Chapter, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Barbara Jordan Historical Essay Contest Judge – 10 years

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

January 2010 – Coordinating Presenter, “Building Successful Partnerships in Connecting University Faculty to High School Faculty,” Texas Association of Partners in Education Conference; Austin, TX.

April 2006 – Coordinating Presenter, “A Collaborative Partnership Between a University and a School District.” Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board P-16 State Conference on Partnerships for Student Success. Recruitment and Retention; Austin, TX.

June 2000 – Panelist, “An IBM-University of Texas Infrastructure for Student Success,” Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board 16th Annual Recruitment and Retention Conference; Austin, TX.

April 1999 – Coordinating Presenter, “Refocusing Students Early to Enhance Access to Higher Education.” Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education Conference; Austin, TX.

March 1999 – Professional Development Panelist, “Women: Bridging the Gap to the 21st Century,” Women in the Public Sector Organization Conference; Austin, TX.

June 1998 – Role Model Panelist, “Women Going Above and Beyond,” Women in the Public Sector Organization Conference; Austin, TX.

April 1997 – Keynote Speaker, “What’s a Role Model Got to Do With It?” Women in the Public Sector Organization Conference; Austin, TX.

April 1997 – Keynote Speaker, MAPS Honor Roll Program, University of Texas; Austin, TX.

March 1995 – Coordinating Presenter, “The Collaborative Effort Between Retention Services and Freshmen Services in Assisting Students at the University of Texas at Austin.” National Orientation Directors Association Region IV Conference; Austin, TX.

July 1994 – Presenter, “A PREVIEW of Coming Attractions.” National Conference on Student Retention; Washington, D.C.

April 1993 – Co-presenter, "Retention Strategies in a Large Institution: A Case Study at The University of Texas at Austin." Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board State Conference on Minority Recruitment and Retention; Austin, TX.

November 1991 – Presenter, "Addressing the Challenge to Retain African-American Students on a Predominantly White Campus." National Higher Education Conference on Black Student Retention; Las Vegas, NV.

October 1989 – Presenter, "A Retention Program for Black Students at a Predominantly White University." The Minority Student Today Conference; San Antonio, TX.

March 1989 – Co-presenter, "Retention Strategies for High Ability Students: Impacting the Environment." American College Personnel Association (ACPA) Convention; Washington, D.C.

March 1987 – Co-presenter, "Rethinking Multi-Cultural Counseling Workshop." Illinois Association for Counseling and Development (IACD) Convention; Chicago, IL.

March 1985 – Project Trainer, TRIO Program Management Workshop for New Directors. Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs (SWASAP); Baton Rouge, LA.

October 1984 – Consultant and Presenter, Student Leadership Conference for Officers. Louisiana Health Occupations Students of America, Inc. (LAHOSA); Baton Rouge, LA.

March 1984 – Workshop Presenter, "Using Assessment Instruments with Special Services Students." Louisiana Association for Student Assistance Programs (LASAP); Lafayette, LA.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American College Personnel Association (ACPA)

Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education

OTHER MEMBERSHIPS

Lanier High School PTA (Treasurer), 1995-97
Tutor and mentor with Communities in Schools Program

Mendez Middle School PTA
Black History Month Speaker & Role Model Program, 1995, 1996, & 1997

Burnet Middle School PTA
Project Males (Parent Coordinator), 1993

Cook Elementary School PTA (Historian), 1991-92
Mega Skills Workshop Presenter for Parents
Black History Month Speaker
Tutor and mentor with Communities in Schools Program

Jack and Jill of America, Austin Chapter

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. (Life Member)
Basileus, Alpha Kappa Sigma Chapter, 1994-98
Southwest Regional Parliamentarian, 2002-06
Southwest Regional Philo Coordinator, 2006-08
National Philo Coordinator, 2008- Present

Links, Inc. – Town Lake Chapter, 2001 – Present

Communities in Schools – Central Texas, Inc., 2004 – Present
Board Member

American Cancer Society, Central Texas Region, Employer Leadership Council Member – 2007
– Present

Austin Achievement Zone Steering Committee – Fall 2009 – Present

HONORS & RECOGNITIONS

National Women of Achievement Inductee in the Education, Austin Metroplex Chapter – March 2010

Lifetime Achievement Award, Black Faculty and Staff Association, University of Texas – Austin, 2007

Douglass Club of Austin Community Service Award in the field of Education, 2006

Leadership Texas, Class of 2004

Texas PTA Honorary Life Membership, #651632, May 1999

Governor's Executive Development Program, Class XVII, 1998

1998 Human Services Award Recipient, National Forum for Black Public Administrators,
Central Texas Chapter

Leadership Austin, Class of 1997-98

Selected African-American Faculty/Staff of the Year (1995 Image Awards) by Texas
Pan-Hellenic Council, University of Texas – Austin

Selected Outstanding African-American Educator of the Year (1992),
Texas Employees Retirement System

Listed in Who's Who in Human Service Professionals, 1986 & 1987

Listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest, 1985

Listed in Who's Who Among Black Americans, 1985

Listed in Outstanding Young Women of America, 1976 & 1986

Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society – Grambling College

Magna Cum Laude – Grambling College

Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society – Grambling College