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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Educator and Education Consultant with over 30 years of experience teaching, consulting, and managing academic programs from elementary to college levels. Able to research, plan, organize, and strategically implement objectives to reach projected goals. Able to successfully collaborate and communicate with students, teachers, administrators, and key stakeholders, through various digital and non-digital media, to coordinate appropriate learning programs and projects.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Education (*General Education*)

Northcentral University

2017 Published Dissertation: STEM Success: Perceptions of Women of Color at Community Colleges

Master of Science in Secondary Education

Indiana University Northwest

Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology

Indiana University

ADMINISTRATION AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Founder/Chief Executive Officer

2017-Present

Millennium Education Consulting, LLC

- Develop customized pathways to academic improvement for educational systems/districts and individual schools from preschool through the adult workforce
- Implement educational system assessments and specialized programs
- Strategically restructure academic approaches for positive achievement
- Collaborate with independently contracted educators, from various levels, and teachers to develop and implement data-driven strategies and to achieve expected outcomes
- Involved in company day-to-day operations and contract negotiations

Director of Community Relations Department and The Science and Math Excellence (SAME) Network

1/2016-6/2017

Rush University Medical Center; Chicago

- Day-to-day management of a staff of five educators, six education consultants, and 38 paid high school/college interns

- Responsible for the strategic development, implementation, and evaluation of five (5) community outreach education programs for diverse groups of students from pre-school to college levels
- Prepared budgets and managed resources and grant funds related to the implementation of community outreach programs
- Ensured accurate and timely programmatic progress and evaluation reports
- Strategically established collaborative community partnerships including but not limited to Chicago Public Schools, Catholic Archdiocese, local business, faith-based, and education stakeholders, and city and state political officials
- Collaborated with medical center ancillary departments on community activities and programs for parents, students, and teachers of Chicago public and parochial partner schools
- Collaboratively, with department and medical center staff, coordinated internship placements for the SAME High School Intern program
- Attended internal and external events as a representative of the RUMC – SAME Network

Community Education Associate

2012-2016

Rush University Medical Center -SAME Network

- Managed SAME Network education program activities in collaboration with six education consultants.
- Developed and maintained partnerships with local public and parochial school district administrators, principals, and teachers
- Conducted administrative duties related to SAME – College Preparatory Enrichment Program (CPEP) and High School Intern Program, including evaluation reports and grant funds
- Developed curriculum and taught math and science to diverse groups of middle school participants (6th -8th grade) of the SAME college prep program during the yearly 30-week after-school sessions

Education Consultant

2009-2012

Rush University Medical Center – SAME Network

- Restructured and developed the College Preparatory Enrichment Program to improve interest and intake of underrepresented students in public and parochial schools on the Westside of Chicago – Attendance increased from nine to 53 students in three years
- Worked in collaboration with Rush Philanthropy department to acquired grants from local businesses and professional sports teams
- Managed Community Relations Department week-long STEM summer camp for local middle school students at Benedictine University
- Organized a parent association among the parents of the SAME program participants

Adjunct Instructor

2004-2007

Indiana University Northwest

- Taught graduate-level students general Methods of Teaching in the Urban Teachers Education Program (UTEP)
- Conducted administrative duties related to coursework and student needs

Chemistry and Biology Teacher

1995-2009

Gary Community School Corporation

- Taught basic science, honors biology, and chemistry to students in levels 9th – 12th grade
- As a science department chairperson conducted staff meetings and worked in collaboration with colleagues to develop and implement improvements and address programmatic issues of concern

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

TESOL Certification

TEFLEN College

- Foundation 60-hour Foundation Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Course **2019**

Medical Technologist

1981-1985 and

St. Mary Medical Center – Gary, IN

1987-1995

- Performed specimen processing and analysis of human body fluids in medical center laboratory departments including Chemistry, Hematology, Blood Bank, and Clinical Microscopy
- Mentored and trained college student Medical Technology interns on various laboratory processes and procedures

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATION

High-to-College Advisory Committee member

The University of Indianapolis - Center for Excellence in Leadership of Learning (CELL)

- Represented the Gary Community School Corporation on a statewide committee of educators
- Participated in meetings to dialog and develop strategic education pathways from high school to college

Project Director

Lumina Education Foundation – Advancing Academic Excellence (AAE) Grant

- Prepared and managed a multi-year grant budget for William Wirt High School of Gary, Indiana
- Conducted all administrative record-keeping and evaluation activities.

National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) member (2021)

The Family Affair Initiative Inc (nonprofit organization) former Executive Board member