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Education:

M.A., Administration, California Lutheran University

Including Professional Clear Administrative Credential, December 1999

M.A., Education, California Lutheran University

Curriculum and Instruction, May 1991

Credentials in Secondary Education, California Lutheran University

English and Psychology, April 1991

CLAD/English Learner Authorization Certificate

B.A., Literature, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA

Attended Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville NY and Mills College, Oakland CA

Administrative Experience:

- Principal, Bowman High School, a Model Continuation School of 500 “at risk” students 2001 to 2018; Assistant Principal 1999-2000
- Increased graduation from 26 students in 1999 to 250-300 students annually
- Sustained a 97% graduation rate
- 80% of graduates attending community colleges, tech/art school, or the military
- Expanded electives include: AP Computer Science; Guitar; Digital Music; Culinary Arts; Teen Leadership; ERWC (Cal State Writing Project); Theater Arts; equine therapy, and a Paxton Patterson STEM Lab
- Expanded counseling program to include 2 full time academic counselors, 1 counselor/therapist, an on site social worker, and 2 DIS counselors
- Training in trauma informed practices
- Provided assistance and mentorship to numerous continuation principals and teachers through the state; Providing over 100 tours during my tenure
- Worked on district’s LCAP Plan, assuring that Bowman received services
- Written successful WASC, Title I, Single School Plan of Student Achievement, LCAP Plan and model continuation school documents, aligning all
- Achieved a WASC 6-year, clear rating in 2014

Awards and Offices Held in Professional Organizations:

- Former President of ACSA Educational Options Council, serving as member of Council from 2001-present
- Brought Senator Darrell Steinberg to Ed Options meeting in 2013
- ACSA Marcus Gray Award, Santa Clarita Valley, 2011
- ACSA Continuation Principal of the Year, State Award, 2007
- ACSA Region XV Ed Options Administrator of the Year, 2003, 2005, & 2007
- State California League of High School Educator of the Year honoree, 2008

- California Education Association Administrator of the Year, 2016
- ACSA Assessment and Accountability Taskforce member, 2009
- ACSA No Child Left Behind Taskforce member, 2006-08
- California Model Continuation High School Awards; 2001-2018
- Region 19 California League of Middle Schools Educator of the Year, 1998
- Teacher of the Year, La Mesa Junior High School, 1997
- State of California Assembly Recognition for “Excellence in Education” Mentor Teacher Award, 1995-98

Publications/Articles/Presentation Dates:

“Alternative Education Dashboard” presentation, September 2017

California Continuation High School State Conference “Model Programs,” April, 2017

ACSA Leadership Summit, “LCAP and Dropout Prevention,” November 2016

ACSA Every Child Matters “At Risk High School Students,” January 2015

Los Angeles County of Education Presentation on Dropout Prevention, Pasadena, CA, September, 2010

Testifying before Assembly Select Committee on Lowering California’s Dropout Rates, Assemblywoman Alyson Huber, Chair in Sacramento, CA in April, 2010

California League of High Schools Presentation, “Fulfilling the Promise of At Risk Students,” Annual Conference in Monterey, CA in January, 2009

Dropout Prevention Presentation, ACSA State Conference, in November, 2009

Leadership Magazine, ACSA “Schools of Promise: Creating a Culture of Change,” November/December, 2007

ACSA Educational Options Guide CD, 2010

“Prepared for the Future: Accountability For Excellence and Equity” assisted in writing ACSA’s Assessment and Accountability Taskforce’s Guiding Principles Report, 2009

California Continuation Education Association presentation on “A Roadtrip Nation Collaboration: Engaging Dropouts” in Los Angeles, in April, 2010

Community Leadership/Dates:

ACTION Parent and Teen Family Groups, 2006-2018

Habitats for Heroes Partner (homes for veterans) 2014-2018

Santa Clarita Food Pantry Drive; 1999-2018

Santa Clarita Homeless Shelter, 1995-2018

Alateen Sponsor, 2000-2005

