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*“...exceptionally energetic and  
enthusiastic administrator &  
teacher...projects a charisma that  
captures the imagination of students as  
well as the hearts of her professional  
team...demonstrated excellent  
classroom management skill...”*

Dr. William R. Wright, Jr.  
former administrator

*“My ability to motivate students,  
parents, & teachers and share a love  
of learning fosters a successful school  
& classroom environment. ...I would  
welcome becoming part of ‘the village  
that raises the child’, engages and  
empowers teachers, and connects the  
home & school in your district.”*

## ***Professional Profile***

Eager to bring teachers to a full understanding of how to connect with elementary, middle, and high school students to allow for less disciplinary interruptions and for more effective and exciting teaching. Dedicated to enthusiastic and dynamic teaching as a means of creating and nurturing a lifelong love of knowledge in children

## ***Education and Certifications***

### **Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL.**

B.A. Psychology, 1975

Microsoft Certified, 2012-2013

Windows Certified, 2012-2013

University of South Carolina, 1974 Summer Internship

Elementary Certification-K-8 NAD SDA Denominational Teacher

Pacific Union College, Angwin, California (Summers)1977, 1978

Southwestern University, Keene, Texas, 1993, 1994

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## **Work Experience**

### **1975-1977-Lake Region Conference of SDA; Chicago, Illinois (Shiloh Academy Grades-Pre-K-12))**

- Physical Education Teacher (Grades 7-12)
- Guidance Counselor (Grades 6-12)

### **1977-1979-Northern California Conference of SDA; Pleasant Hill, CA (Golden Gate Academy-Grades Pre-K-12))**

- Teacher (Grades 3 & 7)
- Physical Education (Grades 9-12)

### **1979-1982-Central States Conference of SDA; St. Louis, MO (St. Louis Jr. Academy Grades K-8))**

- Principal/Teacher (Grades 7 & 8)
- Physical Education/Health Instructor (Grades K-8)
- Choral Instructor (Grades K-8)

### **1982-1985-Allegheny West Conference of SDA; Columbus, OH (Ephesus School-Grades K-8))**

- Principal/Teacher (Grades 4-6)
- Choral Director
- Physical Education Instructor (K-8)

### **1985-1989-Southern California Conference of SDA; Los Angeles, CA (Lynwood Adventist Academy-Grades 9-12)**

- Secondary English Instructor
- Communications Instructor
- 4-year Class Sponsor
- Dramatic Arts Instructor/Director

### **1989-1992-Allegheny East Conference of SDA; Pine Forge, PA (Pine Forge Elementary School & Pine Forge Academy Grades K-12)**

- K-12 Long-term Substitute
- Guidance Counselor (Grades 9-12)

### **1992-1997-Allegheny East Conference of SDA; Pine Forge, PA (Ephesus Jr. Academy-Grades-Pre-K-8)**

- Instructor-Grades 3 & 4

“...background in administration was supportive to and empowering in the classroom...Sbe teams with the faculty and shows a committed effort and loving spirit among colleagues and staff. Her innovative and creative initiative is amazing as it blends with the unconditional love she exemplifies with each parent and student...I recommend her with the highest regard...”

Adrian Saulsbury  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher  
Oakwood Adventist Academy

“Her phenomenal methodology in working with our 170+ voice and getting them to such a professional sound is mindboggling. The management, the discipline, the use of dynamics when performing are all quite impressive and beyond comprehension. Our school Choir is superb!”

Gladys T. Crarey  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher  
Oakwood Adventist Academy

- Instructor-Grades 6-8 (Language Arts)
- Pre-K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade
- Choral Director

**1997-1998-South Atlantic Conference of SDA, Atlanta, GA  
(Decatur Adventist Jr. Academy Grades Pre-K-8)**

- Interim Principal
- Vice-Principal
- Grades 4-6 Instructor
- Choral Director- Grades 1-8

**1998-2000-Allegheny East Conference of SDA, Pine Forge, PA  
(Baltimore Jr. Academy Grades K-10)**

- Principal
- Choral Director-Grades K-10

**2000-2002-Chesapeake Conference of SDA, Columbia, MD  
(The Hudson School Grades 1-8)**

- Principal-Teacher Grades 1-8

**2002-Present-Central States Conference, Huntsville, AL  
(Oakwood Adventist Academy K-12)**

- Secondary English Instructor
- Certified Guidance Counselor
- Vice-Principal
- Choral Director (Middle School)
- Choral Director (Elementary School)
- Social Studies Instructor-Middle School
- Physical Education/Health Instructor/Health (Elementary School)
- Secondary Health Instructor
- 4-Year Secondary Class Sponsor

**Honors and Awards/Related Educational Affiliations/Certifications**

**Who's Who Among Teachers-2009**

**Teacher of the Year**-Golden Gate Academy, Oakland, CA 1977-1978

**Teacher of the Year**-Lynwood Adventist Academy, Los Angeles, CA 1986-1987

**Teacher of the Year**-Ephesus Junior Academy, Richmond, VA 1994-1995

**Teacher of the Year**-The Hudson School, Joppa, MD 2000-2002

**Teacher Award**-Oakwood Adventist Academy, Huntsville, AL 2011-2012

- North American Teachers' Convention Presenter, Opryland, TN - 2012
- Certified in Elementary (K-8), Science (K-8), Physical Education (K-12), and Guidance Counseling
- Instructed every grade level Pre K through 12 over 38 years of teaching
- NAD Teachers', Parents', and Children's Presenter (1989-present) Takoma Park, MD
- Summer Camp Program Director, Pine Forge, PA (1989-2013--Summers)
- Children's Ministries Speaker/Coordinator, North American Division of the General Conference of SDA, Takoma Park, MD (1989-Present)
- Choral Director Award-2010-Oakwood University Church
- Eastside YMCA Board Member-1979-1983-Columbus, OH
- Women Working With Women-Vice President/CFO-Gainesville, Florida