



1983 OV GRADUATE

1985 GRADUATE, MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ASSOCIATES DEGREE

1987 GRADUATE, GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY, BACHELORS DEGREE IN EDUCATION

1991 GRADUATE, WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, MASTERS DEGREE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

HIRED BY OV AS A KINDERGARTEN TEACHER IN 1987 AND LATER MOVED INTO ADMINISTRATION IN 1995 SERVING OVER THE YEARS AS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, DEAN OF STUDENTS, ASSISTANT HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

RECEIVED OUTSTANDING ALUMNI ADMINISTRATOR AWARD FROM GVSU IN 2007

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