

BRENDA CURETON

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION

The Ohio State University, Columbus OH

Master's Degree in Public Administration with a Concentration in Organizational Communication 1985

Thesis: "Promoting Higher Education in Ohio"

Honors: Graduate Administrative Assistant, Inter-University Council of Ohio; Graduate Management Assistant, College of Business at the Ohio State University; Minority Fellow

Virginia Union University, Richmond VA

B. A., History/Political Science, Magna Cum Laude 1983

Honors: Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, Campus President; Community of Scholars; Alpha Kappa Alpha Mid-Atlantic Regional Award for Academic Excellence

Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh PA,

Quantitative Skills Summer Institute 1982 (summer)

University of the West Indies, Kingston Jamaica, Visiting Scholar

Research Topic: "A Look at the Impact of Education on the Jamaican Economy) 1981 (summer)

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiatives (CITI)

Certificate, Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research 2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Virginia Union University, Richmond VA

Adjunct Instructor, Freshman Orientation 2014, 2015

Developed syllabus and overall course structure and administered all grades

Community College Workforce Alliance

Adjunct Instructor 2003-2005

Developed and conducted a variety of management sessions to included "Strategic Planning," "Leadership Theories and Styles," "Team-Building," and "Work-Life Balance"

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Commonwealth Human Services Facilitation Group, LLC, Richmond VA
Managing Partner 2010 - present

Providing an array of consultative services to a diverse group of public sector and private business clients.

National Minority Technology Council, Richmond VA Corporate Office
Co-Principal Investigator, Chief of Staff and National STEM Director 2010 - present

Utilizing designed based research methodologies to identify, create and implement evidence based strategies in order to help strengthen the nation's education and economic systems.

Virginia Union University, Richmond VA
STEM Career Coach 2013-2016

Participated in NSF funded project focused on provided career specific support to students with STEM majors. Coordinated annual STEM career fair, Alumni Symposiums and matched students with STEM related internships, research opportunities, fellowships and jobs.

U. S. Department of Commerce Census Bureau, Charlotte NC Regional Office
Virginia Partnership Specialist 2009 - 2010

Developed over 200 formal partnerships with business owners, community leaders, faith based organizations, elected officials and educators in order to help ensure a complete and accurate census count.

Communities in Schools of Richmond Inc., Richmond VA
Executive Director/Transition Director 2006 - 2008

Effectively led local affiliate of nation's largest dropout prevention organization. Responsibilities included board development, staff management, budget oversight and fundraising. Provided technical assistance during the reorganization process.

Virginia Alliance, LLC, Richmond VA
President 2005 – 2006

Provided technical assistance to board of thirteen Presidents of Managed Care organizations, businesses and staff in the re-engineering of privately held enterprise.

Virginia Career Education Foundation, Richmond VA
President 2003 - 2005

Assisted Governor appointed Board of Directors with fund development and implementation of a statewide strategy to promote career and technical education in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Selected and collaborated with vendors in order to develop marketing campaign. Lead the implementation of a statewide pilot of a dual enrollment pharmacy technician initiative program.

Renaissance Resources, LLC., Richmond, VA
Senior Consultant 2002 - 2003

Developed new business opportunities and facilitated management development workshops/seminars.

INROADS, Inc., St. Louis MO
Mid-Atlantic Regional Director, Richmond VA 2000 - 2002
Managing Director, Richmond VA 1993 - 2000

Provided leadership and direction for award winning affiliates of the nation's premiere career development organization for talented minority youths. Consistently exceeded all nationally set goals for growth, conversion and fundraising.

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Richmond VA
Senior Employee Relations Analyst 1992
Employee Programs & Communications Coordinator 1991
Educational Programs Coordinator/Training Specialist 1989 – 1991

Developed statewide Engineer Trainee, Administrative Management Trainee, Cooperative Education and Internship Programs. Coordinated low cost employee recognition programs. Facilitated agency's employee relations & grievance process.

Virginia Union University, Richmond VA
Director of Career Planning & Placement 1985 - 1989

Utilized internal and external resources in order to develop a viable Career Planning and Placement Department where students and alumni alike obtained job placement assistance with a diverse group of employers.

University of Virginia, Charlottesville VA 1980 (summer)
Research Assistant
 Utilized Dewey Decimal System to organize thousands of books, periodicals, references and historical archives with in the newly created Luther P. Jackson Library

PAPER, PROGRAMS AND PRESENTATIONS

“ICT (Information Communication Technology) – STEM Inspire Institute 2016
Amelia-Nottoway Regional Technical Center

“ Reflections of the STEM Inspire Institute “ 2015
Petersburg City Public Schools, Board Meeting

“STEM 2025: Bringing Governance to the American Family”
 Presented at USA Science & Engineering Festival, Washington DC 2014

“Title I Parent Involvement Board: Developing School and District Compacts” 2013
 Presented at the City of Richmond Ninth District School Board Community Engagement Session

MEMBERSHIPS, AFFILIATIONS AND AWARDS

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.
 National Coalition of 100 Black Women
 Virginia Treatment Center for Children Advisory Council
 Virginia Opera Education Committee
 National Minority Technology Council, Board of Directors
 Virginia Union University Center for the Study of the Urban Child Advisory Council
 Virginia Union University SMST Cyber Security Advisory Committee Founding Member
 Virginia Union University Sydney Lewis School of Business Advisory Council
 City of Richmond Career & Technical Education Commission
 Partnership for the Future Founder’s Award
 Leadership Roundtable Development Program Graduate
 Richmond Public Schools Governor’s STEM Academy, Past Advisory Council Chair
 Heritage High School Governor’s STEM Academy Advisory Council
 Commonwealth of Virginia Family and Children’s Trust Fund Former Trustee
 INROADS, Inc. Triple Crown Award for exceeding fundraising goals of all medium size affiliates
 INROADS, Inc. Conversion Award for consistently exceeding national standard for job placement
 Richmond Chamber of Commerce All Star Workforce Development Award
 VDOT Commissioner’s Award for Exemplary Performance