

**A. Formal  
Education**

**Florida International** (1989) Bachelor of Science in Elementary Ed. GPA 3.7

**Nova University** (1992) Master's Degree in TESOL GPA 3.9

**Barry Univ.** (1997) Ed. Specialist Degree in Computer Education GPA 4.0

**National Board for Professional Teaching Standards** (1999) National Board Certified Teacher, Middle Childhood Generalist

**B. Teaching &  
Experience**

**Youth Ending Hunger Educator**, (1989-1999) club sponsor in home school and coordinator in setting up clubs and projects in other schools to teach students about the plight of the homeless.

**Classroom Teacher** (1989-1991) grade 4 North Beach Elementary, Miami, FL

**Teacher Advocate for the Homeless**, (1989-1996) take part in the education of homelessness, feeding the homeless, coordinator of annual School-wide programs to make and distribute 1,500+ meals.

**Classroom Teacher** (1991-1994) grade 3 South Pointe Elementary, Miami, FL

**Whole Math Trainer/Staff Development Specialist** (1993-1995) Education Alternatives Inc., development and implementation of hands on math workshops in Baltimore and Miami

**PTA Teacher Liaison**, Jack Gordon Elementary (1994-1995) (1997-1998)

**Yearbook Sponsor**, Jack Gordon Elementary (1994-1996) (1997-1999)

**Classroom Teacher** (1994-1996) grades 4-5 Jack Gordon Elementary, Miami, FL.

**Science Lab Teacher & Staff Science Resource Advisor** Jack Gordon Elementary,(1996-2005) (responsible for teaching 43 classes (1,450 students) grades 2-5 hands-on science, also provide professional development & materials set up to support classroom teachers in science instruction) Miami, FL

**Kids 4 Kids Club Sponsor/Founder Kids 4 Kids Inc. Nonprofit Organization**, (1997-present) oversee weekly meetings with over 200 students to take part in community service projects that assist kids in need and teaching students how to make a difference for others and the appreciate what they have. Manage a campaign to yearly collect & distribute 6,000 filled backpacks and 12,000 new books to homeless, migrant, abused and kids with AIDS. To date, Kids 4 Kids has provided over 60,000 backpacks and 95,000 new books.

**Barry University** (2000-2004) Adjunct Professor (Elementary Science Methods)

**Science Resource "Coach"** (2002-2003) (Volunteered to spend one teaching day a week on loan to two struggling schools. While there, I taught science to large groups of students in their school cafeteria. Classroom teachers observed and followed up with science in their own classes. In one of the schools, I assisted in setting up an actual lab.)

**Kids For Kids Academy Preschool Owner / Director** (2005-Present)

**Dade Partner**, Jack Gordon Elementary (2005-Present)

**ESSAC Committee Community Liason**, (2006-Present) Jack Gordon Elementary

**C. Professional  
Development**

**NBPTS:** (1999) National Board Certification Process

**Dade County Science Teacher Association:** (2000-2005) Workshop sessions on elementary science

**FL Association of Science Teachers Conference:** (2001) Workshops session on elementary science

**TNPI** (2002-2004) Research Group-meet with other teacher researchers and university professor monthly

**Florida League of Teachers-** (2002-2005) participate in workshops geared toward leadership and teaching quality

**NBPTS:** (2003) Teacher Leadership and Mentor Training

**Miami-Dade County Schools-**Workshops in science assessment (annually)

**D. Professional  
Service**

**LEADERSHIP ROLES**

**Education Alternatives Inc.** (1994-1995) Whole Math Cadre/Staff Development Specialist/ Teacher Trainer in Manipulative Math

**Eisenhower Teacher Trainer in Science** (1996)

**National Board Certified Teacher Mentor** (1999-Present)

**Florida Department of Education-** (2002-2004) Assistance Plus Team Working With Failing Schools

**Florida Department of Education** (2002-2005) -Grade 5 Science FCAT (Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test) Rangefinding, Rangefinding Review, and Item Review Committee

Florida League of Teachers (2003-Present)

Florida Department of Education (2008) VPK Standards Review Committee Member

### **PUBLICATIONS/WORKSHOPS AUTHORED**

**Jack D. Gordon Whole Math Curriculum grades 3-5:** A two year manipulative approach

**Bridging the Gap:** Summer school math manipulative curriculum for Dade County Schools grades 2-5

**I Love Math Correlation:** Correlation to the Dade County CBC objectives for grades K-4 written for

**Time Life Books** Stanford Correlation: Correlation of objectives for all state adopted math textbooks including assessment items for Dade County Schools

**Math Made Easy:** A four component program written for the 1995 Beginning Teacher Math Workshop for Miami-Dade County Schools

**Keeping The Peace:** A one month unit of study on Bosnia, components used by **TIME FOR KIDS**, a weekly publication of TIME magazine with a circulation **Wacky Word Problems:** Math word problems published in

**SPORTS ILLUSTRATED FOR KIDS**, a monthly publication of Sports Illustrated

**Curriculum Consultant:** Florida Dairy Farmers

**Curriculum Consultant:** TIME FOR KIDS (A division of TIME magazine)

**Science For All Students: A Hands on Lab Approach:** 150 hands-on lessons emphasizing science process skills.

Co-Author **Simple Shoebox Science:** Science Center Activities

**Inquiry Science: Matter**, 14 lessons for students in grades 2-3 published by **Instructional Fair**

**Inquiry Science: Flowering Plants**, 14 lessons for students in grades 2-3 published by **Instructional Fair**

**Inquiry Science: Electricity & Magnetism**, 14 lessons for students in grades 4-5 published by **Instructional Fair**

**ARISE Best Citizen Series:** Eight books written and edited involving lessons on making good choices and living life responsibly published by **ARISE**

**Sow It, Grow It, Know It:** An integrated math and science program to teach students about plants and gardening.

**Hands on Minds On Preschool:** An integrated Early Childhood Curriculum for ages 1 - 5

### **PUBLISHED RESEARCH**

**TNPI (Teacher Network Policy Institute) Action Research Title: TLC-Teachers Learning and Collaborating** Conducted research to show that when teachers collaborate in professional development activities, they will increase their knowledge and comfort level in teaching hands-on science. As a result their students will increase their science content knowledge.

**State Of Florida Department of Education** Beginning Teacher of The Year (1989-1990)

**Sallie Mae** Beginning Teacher of The Year (Dade County 1989-1990)

**Hunger Project Profile** Teacher Ending Hunger (1991)

**Miami Dade County Public Schools** Elementary Mathematics Teacher of The Year (1994-1995)

**Jack Gordon Elementary** Science Teacher Of The Year (1995-1996)(1996-1997)(1997-1998)

**Florida Marlins** Community Hero (Threw out the 1st pitch at the 1997 World Series)

**Stephen P. Clarke** Children's Award Honorable Mention (May 1997)

**Region VI Finalist** Teacher Of The Year (1997-1998)

**Guest Appearance-** *The Cosby Show* CBS (1999)

**United Way** American Values Award Recipient (1999)

**National Science Teacher Association** Presidential Science Award State Finalist (2001)

**Eckerd** 100 Salute To Women-one of 100 women nationwide (2001)

**Princess Cruises** Hearts of Gold Winner (2001)

**United Way** Essie Silva Community Builder Finalist (2002)

**Tamiami Airport Business Association** Community Leader Award (2003)

**Melissa Institute For Violence Prevention** Educator Recognition Award (2003)

**Dade County Science Teachers Assoc.** Elementary Science Teacher of The Year (2004-2005)

**Florida International University Alumni Assoc.** Torch Award For Service to the Community (2005)

### **E.Awards**

**Florida International University Entrepreneur of The Year (2008)**

**Jack D. Gordon Elementary Volunteer of The Year (2009)**

**F. Grants**

**Education's Unsung Heroes National Award Winner (1998)** \$12,000 for Kids 4 Kids Program

**The Melissa Institute For Violence Prevention (2002)** \$1,000 for Kids 4 Kids Program

**The Education Fund (2003)** \$900 for Sow It, Grow It, Know It Math/Science Garden Program

**The Education Fund (2004)** \$750 for Super Science Sleuths

**Miami Dolphins Youth All Stars In the Community (2004)** \$500 for Garden Study Program

**The Education Fund (2004)** \$950 for TLC: Teachers Learning & Collaborating (Action Research)

**The Education Fund (2005)** \$750 for Feed The Need-Farm Share In The Classroom

**G. Professional  
Organizations**

**Delta Kappa Gamma (1991-Present)**

**Miami Dade County Science Teacher's Association Board Member (1996-1999) (1996-2004)**

**Florida Association of Science Teachers-FAST (Board Member 2000-2001) (2001-2003)**

**National Board Certified Teachers of Miami-Dade (2001-2005)**

**Florida League of Teachers (2003-Present)**

**FACCM Member (2005-Present)**

**National Association for Education of Young Children (2005-Present)**