Summary of Experience, Qualifications, and Recognitions

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# Objective: Executive educational and leadership consulting for schools, businesses, and churches.

**Highlights of Qualifications:**

* Member of the Oklahoma Conference United Methodist Church Laity Board, 2021-Present
* Author, *A Mountain of Love:* Outskirts Press, 2018, self-published.
* Displayed at Frankfort Book Fair, Frankfort Germany, Oct. 2018
* Featured in Delta Kappa Gamma Oklahoma State Organization’s *Limelighter* newsletter
* Featured in the *P.E.O Record* September-October 2019 p. 39
* Numerous book talks
* Author, *A Mountain of Love and Leadership* (in progress 2019-present)
* Founder of ASPIRE HIGHER Educational and Leadership Consulting, LLC (2010) providing effective learning experiences based on innovation and best practices in education and leadership for schools, businesses, and churches
* Owner and Buyer for R&S Drugs, Inc. for 47 years. Three hometown pharmacies in Duncan, OK– sold in 2017.
* Lawton Public Schools Board of Education Fact Finding for Bond Issue/Facility Updates, Year-long consulting process culminating in $99.5 million school bond approval (2016-17)
* National and International Faculty Consultant for Hope Foundation consultations based on Alan Blankstein’s *Failure is Not an Option: 6 Principles for Making Student Success the Only Option* which addressed all elements necessary for effective and enduring educational reform through the development of professional learning communities (PLC’s). 2006-2013
* Cameron University Adjunct Professor for master’s level Educational Administration, a comprehensive multidisciplinary program designed to address many of the problems faced by school administrators that prepares program participants for the challenges to be faced by school administrators in the 21st century. 2010-2018

* Doctorate in Educational Administration with Superintendent Endorsement promoting critical inquiry addressing important issues relating to teaching, learning, and leadership to enhance service and collaboration among colleagues and professional learning communities
* Toastmasters International Competent Leadership, Competent Communicator, Advanced Professional Speaker, and Advanced Entertaining Speaker
* Multiple grant writer and winnerfor schools, churches, and local community
* Public Relations leader for school districts, family-owned business, and churches
* Online course writer/developer for tools to increase student achievement for Corwin Press and technology tools for Southwest Educational Development Laboratory (SEDL), 2002
* Award Winning Elementary Principal at three elementary schools *top 3 principals in* Oklahoma in 2006, James R. Burnett Distinguished Principal Award, Heroic Oklahoman, Reader’s Choice Favorite Principal, 2007, 2008, 2009
* District gifted/talented facilitator strong emphasis on career development and leadership preparation
* Sixteen successful years in the classroom, Top 5Finalist for Oklahoma Teacher of the Year, 1990
* Driven by college, career, and citizenship needs of children developed and presented summer workshops for kids to train teachers and equip students with 21st century best practices (2010

-present)

* Accountable to the public establishing program policies, budget activities and expenditures as a school district leader and/or business owner

Education: 1971-1974 Southwestern Oklahoma

### State University

Elementary Education

1987-1989 University of Oklahoma

Master of Liberal Studies

1993-1995 University of Oklahoma

Elementary Principal

Certification

2000-2004 University of Oklahoma

Executive Educator

Doctoral Program

Lawton Cohort

Certifications:

Superintendent Endorsement, Oklahoma, 2003

Elementary Principal Endorsement, 1996

Middle School Language Arts, 1975

Standard Elementary Teaching Certificate, 1975

Professional Leadership Experience:

Laity Board for the Oklahoma United Methodist Conference, 2021- Present

Wichitas District Lay Leader for Wichitas United Methodist Churches in Oklahoma Conference

2021-Present

2009-Present Owner & Entrepreneur of ASPIRE HIGHER Educational & Leadership Consulting, LLC

ASPIRE HIGHER: The Mountains are Calling

January 16, 2020, February 21, 2020

April 16, 2020 and May 14, 2020

(Cancelled for Covid-19-Rescheduled and pending for 2022)

SHINE IN DUNCAN-Serving the Duncan-area Christian Homeschool Community Consultation

Bible Character Fall 2019

Educational & Leadership Consulting, LLC 2021 Spring Summer ASPIRE HIGHER Workshop for Kids:

Superpowers Needed

St. Paul’s United Methodist Church

Educational & Leadership Consulting, LLC 2021 Summer ASPIRE HIGHER Workshop for Kids:

Civic & Citizenship Ready

St. Paul’s United Methodist Church

Educational & Leadership Consulting, LLC Fall 2021 ASPIRE HIGHER Workshop for Kids:

Italy: Food, Fun, and Paul to Boot

Educational & Leadership Consulting, LLC 2019 ASPIRE HIGHER Workshop for Kids: ITALY: Fun and Food to Boot, Aug. 2019 Cancelled (Rescheduled for Fall 2021)

PEO State Convention Speaker, Summer 2019

Hestian Study Club

A Mountain of Love Book Review, Oct. 2018

Educational & Leadership Consulting, LLC 2018 ASPIRE HIGHER Workshop for Kids: Provence, A French Dream Come True, Aug. 2018

Oklahoma Junior Honor Society Convention Keynote Speaker Friday, March 2, 2018

Educational & Leadership Consulting, LLC

2017 ASPIRE HIGHER Workshop for Kids: Chisholm Trail Sesquicentennial Hullabaloo, Aug. 2017

Keynote Speaker for FULL STEM/STEAM AHEAD: Women to the Calling CU, July 2017

Mustang Reading Council, 2016, ABC, 123 For Generation Z Presentation

Lawton Public Schools Board of Education Fact Finding for Bond Issue/Facility Updates, 2016

Year-long process culminating in $99.5 million school bond approval

Educational & Leadership Consulting, LLC 2016 ASPIRE HIGHER Workshop for Kids:

Farm Forward

One True Light Mentor Training, 2016 Video for future training

Educational & Leadership Consulting, LLC 2015 ASPIRE HIGHER Workshop for Kids: Kidpreneurs on Main Street

Co-Developer of Mentoring Minds, a mentoring group for women in leadership,2013-Present

Blogging chapters of *A Mountain of Love* at aspirehigherconsuting.com

Link One Mentor Training, 2014

Mustang Reading Council, 2014

Blue Skies and Green Lights for Family & Community Connections

Educational & Leadership Consulting, LLC 2014 ASPIRE HIGHER Workshop for Kids: Civic & Citizenship Ready

NABORS, January 2014, Blue Skies and Green Lights (training engineers to teach)

Wichitas District United Methodist Women, 2014 Generations of Women in the Church

Educational & Leadership Consulting, LLC 2013 ASPIRE HIGHER Workshop for Kids: Young Doctors of Duncan

Mustang Reading Council, 2013 Generations in the Schoolhouse

Oklahoma Reading Association, 2013 Generations in the Schoolhouse

Delta Kappa Gamma State Convention, 2013 Generations in the Schoolhouse

Oklahoma University School of Pharmacy

It’s Their Generation Not Yours

October 2012

2012 ASPIRE HIGHER Workshop for Kids: BOOMTOWN

Barber & Bartz Attorneys at Law

525 South Main Street Suite 800  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103

It’s Their Generation Not Yours

April 2012

Delta Kappa Gamma XI Chapter

It’s Their Generation Not Yours

February 2012

Wannabe Principal Program (4 sessions)

Duncan Public Schools, 2011-2012

2006-2013 Faculty Consultant for HOPE (Harnessing Optimism and Potential Through Education) Foundation Bloomington, IN:

HOPE Foundation Leadership Meeting, 2012

Bloomington, IN

HOPE Foundation Summit

Facilitator

Austin, TX 2011 (3 days)

HOPE Foundation Courageous Leaders Academy (CLA) II

LaGrange, TX 2011-2012 (5 Sessions)

HOPE Foundation Institute

Facilitator

Kansas City, MO Feb. 2011 (3 days)

HOPE Foundation (CLA) I

Round Rock, TX 2011 (5 Sessions)

HOPE Foundation Courageous Leaders Academy (CLA) I

LaGrange, TX 2010-2011 (5 Sessions)

HOPE Foundation 2 day Courageous Leaders Retreat

Hutto, TX July 2010

HOPE Foundation 1 Day FNO

Tarleton State University

Granbury, TX, March 2010

HOPE Foundation Institute

San Antonio, TX Feb. 2010 (3 days)

HOPE Foundation 2 Day FNO Overview

Joliet, IL, Feb. 2010

HOPE Foundation CLA II, Mansfield, TX Oct. 2009, Dec. 2009, Feb. 2010, May 2010

HOPE Foundation CLA I, Mansfield, TX Oct. 2008, Dec. 2008, Feb. 2009

HOPE Foundation CLA I, Tucson, AZ Sept. 2008, Nov. 2008, Feb. 2009, April 2009

HOPE Foundation Sponsor Development Program, Tucson, AZ July 2008

HOPE Foundation Institute Presentation, Myrtle Beach, SC,

July 2008 (4 days)

HOPE Foundation, Consultation for Prince Edward County, Virginia May 2008 (2 days)

HOPE Foundation Consultation for

Jackson Mississippi School District

July 19 & 20, 2007

HOPE Foundation Consultation for

Mattoon, IL School District June 2007 (2 days)

HOPE Foundation Consultation for Alabama Staff Development Council March 2007

HOPE Foundation

Consultation for University of North Alabama March 2007

HOPE Foundation Consultation for Faculty at C.D. Fulkes Middle School

Round Rock, TX

Feb. 26, 2007, May 7, 2007

HOPE Foundation Consultation at

Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, MO for Superintendents/Team, High School/Middle School and Elementary Principals/Teams

Nov. 2006, Feb. 2007

Adjunct Professor

Cameron University:

Fall 2014

3003 Introduction to Teaching Hybrid

Spring 2014

3612 Classroom Management

3003 Introduction to Teaching Hybrid

Fall 2013

3003 Introduction to Teaching at Cameron-Duncan

3003 Introduction to Teaching Hybrid

3612 Classroom Management

Summer 2013

5233 Supervision and Curriculum

Spring 2013

3003 Introduction to Teaching Hybrid

5243 Community and School Relations Hybrid,

Fall, 2012

3003 Introduction to Teaching at Cameron-Duncan, 3003 Introduction to Teaching Hybrid

Summers 2005-Current

5233 Supervision and Curriculum 2005, 2010, 2011, 2012 Hybrid 2013 Hybrid, 2014 Hybrid 2015 Hybrid, 2016 Hybrid, 2017 Hybrid, 2018 Hybrid

2001-2009 Principal at Mark Twain

Elementary School

Duncan, OK

1997-2001 Principal at Emerson

Elementary School

Duncan, OK

1996-1997 Principal at Irving Elementary School

Duncan, OK

1997-1998 Principal at Irving and Emerson

Duncan, OK

1992-1995 Gifted/Talented/Enrichment Facilitator

Horace Mann Elementary

Duncan, OK

1987-1992 Departmentalized 5th Grade

Horace Mann Elementary

Duncan, OK 73533

* 1. Fourth Grade

(Split Third/Fourth 1 year)

Horace Mann Elementary

Duncan, OK

1979-1980 Fourth Grade

1975-1979 First Grade

Irving Elementary

Duncan, OK

1975 Kindergarten Substitute Contract

Woodrow Wilson Elementary

Duncan, OK 73533

1974 Student Teaching

Mark Twain Elementary

Duncan, OK

1971-1974 Placement Office for

Teacher Candidates

Southwestern Oklahoma

State University

Weatherford, OK

**Publications:**

Pierce, J. (2018). *A Mountain of Love*. outskirtspress.com

Pierce, J. (pending) *Aspire Higher: A Mountain of Love and Leadership* (in progress)

Blankstein, A. (2010). *Failure Is Not An Option 2nd Edition.* Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Press.

South Central RTEC Co-Developer & Co-Collaborator for *Creating a Framework for Administrator Professional Development*, SEDL, 2004

Pierce, J. (2004). *Building School and Community Connections Through Leadership, Technology, and Professional Learning Community Development: A Case Study of Two Elementary Schools.* Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Library

Pierce, J. (1989). *Using Whole Language: A Comparison of the Holistic and Textbook Approaches to Teaching Social Studies In A Departmentalized Fifth Grade.* Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Library

**Honors, Speaking Engagements, and Grants:**

Guest Speaker at Oklahoma Conference United Methodist

Laity Session October 2021

Oklahoma Conference United Methodist Church

New People New Places Grant, $4,00 St. Paul’s UMC 2019

Guest Speaker at PEO State Convention 2019

Guest Speaker at United Methodist Women Wichitas District 2018

Keynote Speaker at Oklahoma Junior Honor Society Convention 2018

Oklahoma Conference United Methodist Church

New People New Places Grant, $46,800 St. Paul’s UMC 2017

Guest Speaker at United Methodist Women Wichitas District 2017

Lay Servant Speaker at Marlow UMC, Elgin UMC 2016

Guest Speaker at Wichita United Methodist Women 2014, 2015

Gabriel House Fundraiser Auction Hostess 2014, 2015

Delta Kappa Gamma State Convention Speaker 2013

Guest Speaker at Leadership Duncan Class XIX on Generations 2010, 2011

Guest Speaker at Southwest Oklahoma Economic Summit on

Early Childhood Investment Lawton, OK 2009

Oklahoma Schools for Healthy Lifestyles ($1,000)

Mark Twain’s Monica Smith is Educator of the Year 2009-2010

McCasland Foundation Grant ($5,000)

For Mark Twain Theme & Branding 2008-2009

Oklahoma Schools for Healthy Lifestyles ($1,000)

Mark Twain named School of the Year 2008-2009

Oklahoma State Dept. of Education (OSDE) Fruit and Veggie

Grant for Mark Twain ($18,000) 2008-2009

Oklahoma Schools for Healthy Lifestyles ($2,100) 2007-2009

Mark Twain named Rookie School of the Year 2007-2008

*Duncan Banner*

Reader’s Choice Awards Favorite Principal 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009

James R. Burnett Distinguished Principal Award Fall 2006

Oklahoma Association of Elementary Principals (OAESP)

Finalist for Oklahoma’s Distinguished Principal Spring 2006

[One of 3 principals to receive a site visit from

Oklahoma Association of Elementary Principals (OAESP)]

Comprehensive School Reform Grant

For Mark Twain Elementary School ($58,000.00) 2006-2007

Oklahoma Town Hall Meeting in Norman, OK Fall, 2006

(Our school is an example elementary school in

Oklahoma highlighting our OETT/ OK-ACTS Grant)

Article for above highlighted in Volume II Fall 2006

Pre-Program Book

PDI Science Grant from University of Oklahoma Fall 2005

K20 Center ($10,000)

*Heroic Oklahoman Award* proclaimed by Governor

Brad Henry October 10, 2005

Honored for 30 years of service to Duncan Public May 2005

Schools

Contributor to *Promoting Technology Leadership:* 2005

*A Guide for Leading Professional Development*

*Activities for Campus Leaders and Administrators*,

SEDL

CCOSA 2nd Place Technology Award Summer 2005

Presented to Mark Twain Elementary School

CCOSA Summer Conference

Article for above published in *Better Schools* Fall, 2005

Comprehensive School Reform Grant

For Mark Twain Elementary School ($50,000.00) 2004-2005

Learn & Serve Grant

For Mark Twain Elementary School ($3,500.00) 2006-2007

Learn & Serve Grant

For Mark Twain Elementary School ($3,500.00) 2005-2006

Learn & Serve Grant and Matching Money

For Mark Twain Elementary School ($5,500.00) 2004-2005

Phase II OETT-OK-ACTS Technology Grant Recipient

For Mark Twain Elementary School ($79,000.00) 2003-2004

Phase III OETT-OK ACTS Technology Professional

Development for Mark Twain Elementary School 2004-2005

Who’s Who in Executives & Professionals 2004

McCasland Foundation Grant ($5,000.00) for 2004

Mark Twain Elementary School

District 12 Oklahoma Administrator of the Year 2001, 2006

Lawton Cohort Executive Educator

Doctoral Program 2000-2004

McCasland Foundation Grant ($5,000.00)

For Emerson Elementary School 2000

Vision 2000 Committee 1997-2000

Strategic Planner for Duncan Public Schools

Nominee for Disney Teacher of the Year 1996

Governor Frank Keating visited Irving Elementary 1996-1997

while I was the Principal…he took video pictures for his second term campaign.

Oklahoma Teacher of the Year Finalist

(Top 5 Teachers in the State) 1990

Duncan Teacher of the Year 1989

Who’s Who in American Education 1990 & 1992

Outstanding Young Women of America 1991

Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers 1992

Oklahoma Education Fair $1000 Grants for Exemplary Classroom Projects

1. Something Old, Something New, Something

Borrowed, But Never Blue l988

2. U.S. A Carnival l989

1. Decades of the Twentieth Century: Learn It,

Live It and Love It l991

**Duncan Public School Foundation Grants:**

1. Kids Guide to Duncan, $350 1992

2. Lunchroom Learning, $500 1993

3. Falcons Deliver, $500 Genius at Risk $500 1994

4. We Are All Smart, $ 600 1996

1. Mark Twain received from $1,000-5,000 grants

each fall and spring 2004-2009

**Professional Development Presentations and Affiliations**

* McREL Principal Evaluation: Balanced Leadership Orientation, 2014
* CCOSA/Vernon Florence Budget/Management Principles Seminar/Budget Updates

3 sessions, 2014

* Learning Forward International Convention, Dallas, TX Dec. 2013
* Oklahoma Creativity Conference, 2012, 2013
* HOPE Foundation Courageous Leadership Academy I & II, LaGrange, TX 2011, 2012
* HOPE Foundation Program Facilitator, Austin Summit, Oct. 2011
* HOPE Foundation Courageous Leadership Academy I, Round Rock, TX, Spring 2011
* HOPE Foundation Program Facilitator, San Antonio Institute, Feb. 2010
* HOPE Foundation Program Facilitator, Kansas City, MO, Oct. 2010
* HOPE Foundation Courageous Leadership Academy II, Mansfield, TX 2009-2010
* HOPE Foundation FNO Overview, Joliet, IL, 2010
* HOPE Foundation Courageous Leadership Academy I, Mansfield, TX 2008-2009
* ASPIRE HIGHER: Principal Wannabe Program, Duncan, OK 2008- 2009, 2011-2012
* HOPE Foundation Courageous Leadership Academy I, Tucson, AZ 2008-2009
* HOPE Foundation Sponsor Development Program, Tucson, AZ July 2008
* HOPE Foundation Institute Presenter, Myrtle Beach, SC, July 2008
* Consulting for Prince Edward County, VA, HOPE Foundation, 2008
* 20/20 Vision Committee to develop Strategic Bond Issue Plan for Duncan Public Schools, 2008-2010
* NCATE Accreditation Interview Team for Cameron University 2008
* Presenter at NSDC National Conference, Dallas, TX, Dec. 2007
* Education Committee for Dream Duncan’s Destiny (Initiated First Day, a community involvement program for Duncan Public Schools)
* Consulting for Jackson, MS School District, HOPE Foundation, 2007
* Consulting for Mattoon, IL School District, HOPE Foundation, 2007
* Consulting for Missouri Schools at CMSU, HOPE Foundation, 2006
* Consulting for CD Fulkes Middle School, Round Rock, TX, HOPE Foundation, 2006, 2007
* Consulting for Northern Alabama University Florence, AL, HOPE Foundation, 2007
* Consulting for Alabama Staff Development Council, Birmingham, AL, HOPE Foundation, 2007
* Presenter at Fourth Annual National Effective Schools Conference (The Principals and Practices of Effective Schools) Santa Fe, New Mexico, Summer, 2006
* Technology Presenter at CCOSA Midwinter Conference in Oklahoma City, OK, January, 2006
* Vision 20/20 Committee for Strategic Planning for Duncan Public Schools, 2006
* Attended Blue Ribbon School Blueprint for Excellence Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC, December, 2005
* Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation (OCTP) and National Evaluation Systems, Inc. Oklahoma Subject Area Tests Passing Score Review Conference, October 2005
* Presenter at Third Annual National Effective Schools Conference (The Principals and Practices of Effective Schools) Santa Fe, New Mexico, Summer 2005
* Attended ASCD National Convention, FL, 2005
* Attended CCOSA Summer Conference, 1996-2009
* Attended OAESP Midwinter Conference, 1996-2009
* Completed Doctorate in Executive Education at the University of Oklahoma, 2000-2004, Dissertation: *Building School and Community Connections Through Leadership, Technology, and Professional Learning Community Development: A Case Study of Two Elementary Schools*
* South Central RTEC Co-Developer & Co-Collaborator for *Creating a Framework for Administrator Professional Development*, SEDL, 2004
* Presenter at High Achieving Schools and Communities Annual Winter Institute, K20 Center for Educational and Community Renewal, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006
* Oklahoma: Achievement through Collaboration and Technology Support (OK-ACTS) A Gates Partnership… Phase I, 2002-2003 Phase II, 2003-2004, Phase III, 2004-2005
* OK-ACTS Cluster Group Coach for 16 Oklahoma Principals and Superintendents, 2005
* OK-ACTS Regional Network Coach, 2004-2005
* Leadership Classes for Great Expectations for Mark Twain Elementary School, 2001
* Received Scholarship to Great Expectations for Principal and 5 staff members, at Emerson Elementary School, 2001
* Vision 2000 Committee for School Bond Issues for Duncan Public Schools, 2000
* Attended NAESP National Principal’s Academy, Oklahoma City, 2000
* Attended National Staff Development Conference in Dallas, TX, 1999
* Served on the Support Staff Negotiating Team for the Administration, 1997-99
* Completed Principal Certification at University of Oklahoma, 1996
* Attended Bill Martin’s Pathways to Literacy, Oklahoma City, 1994, Duncan, 1995, 1996
* National Presenter for Bill Martin’s Pathways to Literacy, 1996
* Completed Master’s Program in Liberal Studies at University of Oklahoma

Wrote and published a thesis entitled, Using *Whole Language: A Comparison of the Holistic and Textbook Approaches to Teaching Social Studies in a Departmentalized 5th Grade*

* Attended ASCD National Conference in Baltimore, MD 1997
* Administrative Negotiating Team for the Support Staff, 1996
* Attended National Conference on Multiple Intelligences in Tucson, Arizona, 1995
* Member of CCOSA (Cooperative Council of Oklahoma School Administrators) l996-Present
* Members of NAESP (National Association of Elementary School Principals), OAESP (Oklahoma Association of Elementary School Principals), 1996-2010
* Member of the NSDC (National Staff Development Council) 1996-2009
* Member of Learning Forward (formerly NSDC) 2010-2019
* Presenter for NSDC National Conference, Dec. 2007
* Emerson Elementary School Disney Learning Partnership Grant Applicant 1998
* Presenter at Quality Schools National Conference, University of Oklahoma, 1990
* Nominee for Learning’s Professional Best Leadership Award, 1990
* Instructor Blockbuster Bulletin Board Contest, Honorable Mention

Published in August 1987 issue

* Member of ASCD 1988-2020
* Member of Oklahoma ASCD 2006-Present
* NEA, OEA, Associate of Duncan Educators 1975-1997
  + 22 Years of Service Certificate, 1997
  + President of ADE l991-1993
  + Leadership Workshop l991
  + Workshop Presenter at 3 In-Service Days
  + Vice-President l983-1985
  + Building Representative at Irving Elementary School l976
  + Building Representative at Horace Mann Elementary 1987-88
* Nominee for Jaycee’s Outstanding Young Educator Award, l978
* Certificate of Award for Role of Women, (Upon being named a Finalist for Oklahoma Teacher of the Year) St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, l990
* International Reading Council l975-l985, l995-l996, 2006-2010
* Attended Pathways to Literacy Institute 3 Consecutive Summers l994-1996

## Served as Hostess to the International Pathways to Literacy Institute Members 1994, 1995

* + Presenter at Pathways Institute in Duncan, l996

### Delta Kappa Gamma Society of Women Educators l986-Present

#### Beta Zeta Chapter, 1984-2006

* + Second Vice President
  + First Vice President
  + President l990-1992
  + State Convention, presenter
  + Leadership Conference, presenter
  + **XI Chapter**, 2007-Present
  + Second Vice President
  + Attended State Convention
  + First Vice President
  + Attended State Convention
  + Leadership Conference, presenter
  + President, 2016-2018
* State Convention, 2016-2018
* Women to the Calling: Full STEM/STEAM AHEAD 2 workshop sessions and keynote speaker
* 2018 Gold Chapter Award, Annie Award
* Increased membership from 7 to 28
* Leadership presentations at Cameron University and Ponca City, OK, 2019
* Published *A Sudden and Unexpected Jungle: Covid Pandemic Memories Written by Our Members*, Summer 2021

* + Oklahoma State Organization Secretary 2019-2021
  + Oklahoma State Organization Vice-President 2021-2023

* Duncan Public Schools Staff Development Committee, 1997-1999
* Oklahoma Association of Gifted, Creative, Talented, l994-1996
* Seven student teachers from four different universities as a classroom teacher
* Cooperating Teacher/Mentor Teacher for 2 entry year teachers
* Numerous Duncan Public Schools Staff Development workshops presentations

**Community Involvement:**

* Jaycee Jaynes, l975-79
* Member of Duncan Chamber of Commerce (R&S Drugs, Inc.) 1979-2017
* Gabriel’s House
  + Planning Committee for formation of Gabriel House when Principal of Emerson Elementary, 1997
  + Planning Committee for formation of Gabriel House when Principal of Mark Twain, 2000
  + Gabriel House Fundraisers, 1997-2018
  + Gabriel’s House Board of Directors, 2013-2018
  + Gabriel’s House Leadership Retreat, 2016, 2018
* Toastmasters 2009-2016

Vice-President of Membership Recruitment, 2010, 2011

Competent Communicator, 2010

Competent Leadership, 2012

The Entertaining Speaker, 2014

The Professional Speaker, 2014

* Duncan Public Schools Foundation, 1990-Present
  + DPSF Banquet Committee, 1996, 1997, 1998
  + 5th/6th Grader Coordinator for Banquet
  + Grants for Teachers Displays
  + Silver Sponsor 2000-Present
* Kappa Sigma of Beta Sigma Phi
  + Charter Member
  + Sweetheart, l981, l982
  + Second Vice-President, l979
  + First Vice-President, l980
  + President, 1981
* PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Chapter EE 2011-Present
  + President, 2014-2015, 2015-2016
  + Vice-President, 2019-2021
  + Secretary 2018-2019
  + PEO State Convention 2015
  + Guard, 2013
  + PEO State Convention Speaker 2019
* Traditional Study Club 2018-Present
  + President, 2019
* Member of St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, l977-Present
  + Sunday School Teacher, Adult Class 1977-82
  + Sunday School Teacher, Mature Adult Class 2002-Present
  + Vacation Bible School Teacher, Director, 2004, 2010, 2011
  + Chairman of Board of Trustees, 2000-2001
  + Nurture Committee, 2004-2006
  + Church Council, Chairman 2010-2016
  + Strategic Planning 2010-Present
  + United Methodist Women at 1st UMC 2011-Present
  + Merry Whittaker Circle at 1st UMC 2011-Present
  + Chartered UMW and became an active member at St. Paul’s 2017
  + “Walking the Talk–Next Steps”New People New Places Grant, $46,800 to St. Paul’s UMC from Oklahoma Conference United Methodist Church 2017
  + “Steeple to Street–Street to Steeple”New People New Places Grant, Request for St. Paul’s UMC from Oklahoma Conference United Methodist Church 2019
* Wichitas District United Methodist Church
  + Wichitas District Missional Strategy Team, 2015-Present
  + Wichitas District Missional Area Facilitator, East, 2016-Present
  + East Missional First Annual Chili Cook-Off, 2019
  + District Lay Leader 2021-Present
* Oklahoma Conference United Methodist Church
  + Board Member for UMC Pension and Health Benefits for Oklahoma Conference 2016-2017
  + Commission on Status and Role of Women (COSROW) Board of Directors 2018-Present
  + New & Revitalized Faith Communities Board of Directors 2019-Present
  + Conversations on Church Potential for the Wichitas for Lawton First United Methodist, 2019
* UMW (United Methodist Women) Oklahoma Conference, 2011-Present
  + Wichita District Chairman of Programming/Vice President, 2016-2019
  + Member of Meri Whittaker Circle at First United Methodist Church, Duncan
  + Hosted Leadership Meeting for Annual UMW State Convention Meeting, Oct. 5, 2018 at St. Paul’s UMC
  + Organized UMW at St. Paul’s UMC, Duncan
* Duncan Area Arts Hall of Fame Committee 2019-Present
* Organized First Daisy Girl Scout Troop in Duncan with Ame Pennington Troop 525 Won Numerous Awards with the Troop, 1984-1985
* Girl Scout Leader Troop 525 1985-1991 Numerous Awards for Troop
* Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor, 1981-2010
* Duncan’s Fall Fest 1986-2000
* United Way of Stephens County, 1975-Present
  + Board of Directors, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012
  + Chairman of Youth Vision Council, 2005
  + Smart Start Coalition Leader, 2005-2011
  + $5,000 Start-up Grant for Smart Start for Spring, 2005
  + $25,000 Implementation Grant for Smart Start, 2005-2006
  + Smart Start Chairman of the Board 2006-08, 2011-2012
  + Co-Chairman of the United Way Campaign for Stephens County 2006-2007, 2020 Goal made both times.
  + United Way Board Leadership Retreat, Summer 2007
  + Oklahoma Economic Summit on Early Childhood Investment, OKC, 2009
  + Speaker at Southwest Oklahoma Economic Summit on Early Childhood, Lawton, 2009
  + Smart Start of Stephens County Liaison for United Way, 2010-2012
* March of Dimes, Neighborhood Campaign, various years
* American Cancer Society, Neighborhood Campaign, various years
* American Heart Association, Neighborhood Campaign, various years
* Duncan Historical Society Time Capsule Committee For Duncan’s 100th Birthday
* Duncan Chamber of Commerce (R&S Drug Stores, Inc.), 1979-2017
  + Free Enterprise Award 2004
* Member Of Duncan Noon Kiwanis Club, 2000-2016
  + Board of Directors, 2002-2006, 2014-2016
  + President 2004-2006
  + Kiwanian of the Year, 2005
  + Cotton Electric Grant for $3,500.00
  + Vice President, 2003-2004
  + Chairman of Jr. Police, 2001-2010
  + Kiddieland Park Preservation Committee for 50th Birthday
  + “Wishin’ and Hopin’ Kiddieland is Open” (50th Birthday Party for

Kiddieland on May 6, 2006) Chairman

* + McCasland Grant for Kiddieland for $22,000.00
* Duncan High School Project Graduation Chairman with Joe (husband) 1997, 2002
* SHINE Bible Character class for 1st  and 2nd graders Fall 2019
* President of Phi Delta Theta Parents Association at University of Oklahoma with Joe, 2004-2005
* Served on the Certified Cities Committee for Duncan 1997, 2000
* Main Street Duncan, ongoing promotions each year, Christmas Parade 2001-2017
* Dream Duncan’s Destiny Member, 2006-2009

Education Committee Member

* First Day, a community involvement plan for the first day of school August 13, 2009 partnering with Duncan Chamber of Commerce to buy books for all Duncan Kindergartners *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* by Bill Martin, Jr*.*, First Graders, *Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes, Second Graders *Frog and Toad All Year* by Arnold Lobel.
* First Day, a community involvement plan for the first day of school August 14, 2008 partnering with Duncan Chamber of Commerce to buy books for all Duncan Kindergartners *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* and First Graders, *Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes.

* First Day, a community involvement plan for the first day of school August 16, 2007 partnering with Duncan Chamber of Commerce to buy books for all Duncan Kindergartners, *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* by Bill Martin, Jr.

**Family:**

* Married to Joe Pierce for 47 years, Retired pharmacist and President and Senior Partner of R&S Drugs, Incorporated, three hometown drug stores, Duncan, OK
* One daughter, Amy Nicole Wolff (Nikki), 42, married to Jeff, owners, attorneys, entrepreneurs of Wolff Law PLLC, Dallas Texas
* One son, Kelsey Theodore Pierce, 37, Attorney at Barber and Bartz in Tulsa, OK., married to Lauren, Senior Legal Counsel & Asst. Corporate Secretary at NORDAM.

**References:**

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