

ELAINE BONA: 30+ years in a nutshell

EDUCATION

- **MFA** Old Dominion University/Norfolk State University Consortium Program. Norfolk, VA 1988
Awarded \$6,000.00 Fellowship from The Virginia Council of Higher Education
- **BA** Norfolk State University Norfolk, VA 1984
- **AA** Tidewater Community College Virginia Beach, VA 1982

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Olympic College**, Bremerton WA 1997-2016
2001: Received grant to develop, design and teach the first online art courses offered
Began teaching online in 2022; exclusively online 2006-2023
- **Washington Online: Spokane Falls Community College**, Spokane, WA 2002-2012
- **Vincennes University**, Vincennes, IN 2003-2014
- **Chapman/Brandman University**, Irvine, CA 1997-2021
Brandman University/UMass Global 2021-2023

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE that contributed to having loved my work for over 30 years!

- Proficient with Blackboard, Canvas, Angel Learning, eCollege Learning Management Systems
- Extensive work in course development and instruction in traditional and online environments
- Experience teaching numerous studio art courses
- Ongoing experience working with active military, Running Start and other non-traditional students as well as people from a wide range of cultural, socio-economic and racial backgrounds for years, including a year as a Visiting Assistant Professor at Savannah State University where I was a minority

PERSONAL STRENGTHS and CHARACTERISTICS

- Excellent communication and motivational skills
- Innovative, energetic and open to new ideas
- Creative, diplomatic and flexible
- High energy, self-starter and a quick learner. Successfully organized and taught several courses with very short notice. I'm not afraid of challenging work and always ready to tackle new projects
- Ability to adapt quickly to changing situations