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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE

Doctor of Education 2023

Concentration: Exceptional Learners

Measuring resilience in alumni of state-sponsored residential schools for gifted students: A quantitative study

Master of Arts in Teaching 2017

Concentration: Elementary & Special Education M/M

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology 1999

Cum Laude, Minor: French

LOUISIANA SCHOOL FOR MATH, SCIENCE, AND THE ARTS

Louisiana High School Diploma 1995

Multi-Arts Focus

LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives Foundation

Cohort Participant: Economic Mobility for Rural Workers 2023 - present

18-month fellowship with 11 other chambers of commerce across the country

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE OF ACADIANA

Co-Chair: Leadership, Lafayette, Class XXXV 2022

Planned, scheduled, and implemented year-long community program for 35 local leaders

Participant: Leadership Lafayette, Class XXXII 2019

Year-long community program for leadership development at the state and local level

WALT DISNEY WORLD RESORT

DISNEY UNIVERSITY, DISNEY'S ALL-STAR MUSIC RESORT

Participant, Emerging Leaders 2012

Selective eight-week program for Disney employees comprised of classes and on-site management experience

CERTIFICATIONS

Lean Six Sigma White Belt 2023

Louisiana Certified ACE Educator 2021

Google Certified Educator Level I 2021

Louisiana State Teaching Certification: Elementary and Special Education M/M 1-5 2017

Number: 581321 (lapsed while in Grad School)

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

ONE ACADIANA

Manager, Workforce & Policy Initiatives 2022 – present

PRESENTATIONS

NATIONAL

Bienvenu, M. & Ruiz, M. I. (2020, February). Real-world advocacy: What are teachers willing to stand up for?

Presentation at CEC 2020 Special Education Convention & Expo, Portland, OR

REGIONAL

Bienvenu, M. & Mayeux, A. (2022, November). Choose where you will learn: The Appeal of residential special schools as alternative settings for gifted students. Presentation at the Mid-South Educational Research Association General Meeting, Little Rock, AR

Bienvenu, M., Bernard, A., Comboy-Jordan, M., & Ruiz, M. I. (2018, November). Outspoken: Louisiana teachers' perceptions and attitudes of advocacy. Presentation at the Mid-South Educational Research Association General Meeting, Pensacola, FL

STATE

Bienvenu, M. (2020, January). Adverse Childhood Experiences. Presentation at the Louisiana Council for Exceptional Children SuperConference 39, Lafayette, LA

Bienvenu, M., Bernard, A., Comboy-Jordan, M., & Ruiz, M.I. (2019, February). Outspoken: Developing Advocacy Skills in Louisiana Teachers. Presentation at the Louisiana Council for Exceptional Children SuperConference 38, Lafayette, LA

Bienvenu, M. and Daspit, T. (2019, February). Differentiated Instructional Strategies for 2E Students in a Gifted World Geography Class. Roundtable session at the Louisiana Educational Research Association General Meeting, Lafayette, LA

Bienvenu, M. and Autin, N. (2019, February). Barriers to implementation of school policy. Presentation at the Louisiana Education Research Association General Meeting, Lafayette, LA

Bienvenu, M. (2018, April). Exceptional little miss: Why girls with special learning needs are harder to identify than boys. 3MT (Three-Minute Thesis) competition presentation at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Bienvenu, M. (2018, March). Rethinking the autism spectrum: How an illustration changed the way we view children with ASD. Presentation at the Louisiana Education Research Association General Meeting, Lafayette, LA

PUBLICATIONS

Hardy, P., Bienvenu, M. G., Osborne, A., & Fossey, R. (2018). Index of "Education Law Into Practice" articles 2012-2018. *West's Education Law Reporter, 351 Ed. La* (No. 2), 680-687.

AWARDSUNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE

College of Education Scholarships

- Kathy Authement Prouet Memorial Scholarship In Special Education **2021**
- Alice J. Voorhies Memorial Scholarship **2021**
- Walter And Gladys Robinette Endowed Scholarship **2019**
- Kathy Authement Prouet Memorial Scholarship In Special Education **2019**
- Dr. Robert G. Fontenot Memorial Graduate School Scholarship **2017**
- 2nd Place, 3MT Competition, UL Lafayette **2018**
- Distinguished Graduate, Sociology **1999**

LOUISIANA COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

College Student Scholarship **2015**

WALT DISNEY WORLD

Great Service Fanatic, Guest Service Star, etc. **1996, 2000-1, 2006-14**

NATIONAL

President's Volunteer Service Award **2008 and 2010**

FACILITATION/TRAINING/EDUCATION EXPERIENCEUNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE

Graduate Research Assistant, Educational Foundations and Leadership 2018 - 2022
Graduate Assistant, Office of the Graduate School 2016 - 2017

GREAT MINDS: Eureka Math

Virtual Professional Development Producer (Part-Time) 2020 - 2022

LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM

Student Teacher, Green T. Lindon Elementary School 2017
 Resource, inclusion, and self-contained for Mild/Moderate Grades 2-4

Paraeducator, Myrtle Place Elementary School 2015-2016
 Self-contained Severe/Profound grades 2-5

Substitute Paraprofessional, Adult Education 1995-2003
 GED and ESOL programs

WALT DISNEY WORLD RESORT

Facilitator 2006-2014

- Disney's Youth Education Series - "Disney's Leadership Strategies" for high school students
- Disney's Wilderness Lodge – "Frontiers" property orientation for local new-hires
- Disney University – "Traditions" global new-hire orientation and Rooms line-of-business training programs

Frontline Service Advisor, Disney's Coronado Springs Resort 2011-2014
 Created training materials and coordinated operations as a front desk hotel supervisor

Trainer, Various Locations 2006-2014
 Trained individuals and groups on job-specific duties including service, quality, and safety standards

ADVENTURES BY DISNEY

Adventure Guide, "Cities of Knights and Lights" 2007
 Lead tours of approximately 40 guests in London and Paris, including destination children's activities

UNITED STATES PEACE CORP

Education Volunteer, Republic of Georgia 2003
 Studied how cultural differences affect learning by living and working in a foreign country

RELATED EXPERIENCEDISNEY INSTITUTE

Secretary 2008 – 2010
 Supported operations and programming team for corporate training division

THE DAILY ADVERTISER

Graphic Designer, "The Times of Acadiana" 2004 – 2006
 Created advertisements and laid out copy for a regional arts and entertainment publication

INTERNSHIPEPCOT, SPACESHIP EARTH

Walt Disney World College Program 1996
 Semester-long program with living, learning, and working experience for college students

PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Featured in "Be You" series as a notable citizen of Lafayette
24Hour Citizen Grant Recipient 2019: Greening Festivals
Circumnavigated the globe in an 8-month trek through 20 countries
Amateur watercolor artist
1st Gup (Red Second) in Taekwondo
Completed 2 full marathons and 11 half marathons
Performed with Renaissance 'Cadienne, a Cajun folk troupe, in Louisiana, France, and Nova Scotia
Skipped 10th grade: graduated from high school at 16 and college at 21

SERVICE

STATE

LOUISIANA COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

Ad Hoc Chair	2020 - 2021
Treasurer	2018 - 2020
Government Relations Chair	2017 - 2018

LOCAL

LAFAYETTE PARISH PUBLIC EDUCATION STAKEHOLDERS COUNCIL (LAPESC)

Executive Committee Member Initiative Chair (Post-Secondary)	2019 - present
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The705 (Acadiana Area Civic Group)

LAPESC Representative for the705	2018 – 2022
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Civic Committee

Civic Committee Co-chair	2020 - 2022
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Civic Committee Member	2018 – present
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DOWNTOWN LAFAYETTE UNLIMITED

Board Member	2021 - present
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LOVE OUR SCHOOLS/LAFAYETTE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

CAFÉ Champion: LeRosen Elementary	2022 - present
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Reviewer (Grants, Teacher of the Year)	2019
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LAFAYETTE CONCERT BAND

Graphic Designer	2017 – 2019
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Clarinet	2016 – 2019
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LSMSA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Lafayette Area Co-Coordinator	2015 - 2018
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ACADEMIC

SOUTH LOUISIANA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Lafayette Campus Advisory Board	2023 – present
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UNITECH TRAINING ACADEMY

Advisory Board	2022 – present
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LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM

Gifted Advisory Panel	2022 - present
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LOUISIANA EDUCATION RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

RICE (publication): Graduate Reviewer

2017 – 2021

Technology & Communications Committee

2017 – 2020

UL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

Doctoral Student Representative

2018 – 2021

UL GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION

EDFL Student Representative

2018 – 2022

LANGUAGES

English – native speaker

French – intermediate

MEMBERSHIPS

Acadiana Society for Human Resources Managers

Downtown Lafayette Unlimited

Mid-South Education Research Association

Louisiana Education Research Association

Phi Kappa Phi