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Professional Profile

A 22-year veteran educator and leader in teacher technology curriculum integration to include:

- Professional educator, staff developer, and curriculum software consultant;
- Project coordinator for the development of a South Carolina Lupus Registry (USC Aspire I grant);
- Leader in professional learning management retention processes, delivery, and communication.

Employment

District 5 of Lexington and Richland Counties – Academy For Success Alternative School
Chapin, South Carolina

Business Education Teacher

July 2018 – Present

- Instruct students in Integrated Business Applications, Google Apps, Programming, and Media.
- Assigned schoolwide Teacher Technology Leader.
- Directed students in advanced keyboarding techniques.
- Develop and implement lesson plans, with teachers, to integrate instructional strategies with classroom technology.
- Oversee design and maintenance of first school-wide Twitter account.
- Prepare grade and expulsion reports for alternative school setting.
- Interact and communicate with team members for the special coordination of school programs such as the black history quiz bowl team for an alternative school.

Key Achievements

- Assisted business team with development of soft-skills and in-class business meetings
- Supported and maintained the first school-wide Twitter and Instagram account for an alternative school
- Managed first school-wide hallway video display
- 2020-2021 designated Teacher of the Year

Richland School District Two – Carolina Consortium for Enterprise Learning RTTT-D Grant
Columbia, South Carolina

Digital Resource Coordinator

July 2014 – July 2018

- Oversee the work of 11 Digital Resource Coaches placed in 18 different schools within four school districts across the state.
- Work with IT and software vendors to ensure effective support and implementation
- Develop and implement lesson plans, with teachers, to integrate instructional strategies with classroom technology.
- Plan and conduct digital/technology professional development for district personnel and participating school personnel including the Enterprise Learning Coordinator, coaches, district directors, school administrators, coordinators and instructional specialists.
- Oversee design and maintenance of CCEL web site.
- Prepare processes, studies, reports, policies and procedures, performance evaluations, memos, correspondence, etc. related to the implementation of technology and digital resources across the consortium.
- Interact and communicate with various groups and individuals such as the immediate supervisor, superintendents, subordinates, other district administrators and staff, school administrators and staff, Board members, State Department of Education personnel, job applicants, college / university administrators, various councils and committees, personnel of other school districts, and the public.

Key Achievements

- Assisted admin team with development of electronic time management keeping system
- Supported creation of student tech team model for use in 17 schools, within four districts
- Helped coordinate development of training and tracking evaluation for all coaches

Education

2009	Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida: Ed.S. Computing Technology
2002	Walden University, Bloomington, Indiana: M.S. Educational Technology
1998	University of South Carolina Aiken, Aiken, South Carolina: B.S. Business Administration

Professional Highlights

Midland Valley High School

Business Education Teacher

2003-2005

Aiken, South Carolina

- Instructed students in computer applications classes
- Advised students in FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) club activities
- Coordinated after-school tutoring program

A. L. Corbett Middle School

Computer Instructor/Keyboarding

1999-2003

Aiken, South Carolina

- Instructed gifted and talented students advanced Internet research
- Lead and directed 6 teachers as Exploratory Team Leader
- Organized school-wide career fair
- Served as school-wide Technology Coach training teachers and staff in used newly implemented district and state software

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GEAR UP Master Teacher -

Technology

2000-2002

Aiken, South Carolina

- Served as MiSSA (Middle School Saturday Academy) teacher
- Managed Saturday classes
- Coordinated student mentoring and writing activities
- Supervised student field trips
- Developed the GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) web page

Aiken High School

Adult Education - Keyboarding

2000-2001

Aiken, South Carolina

- Trained adult learners pursuing GED or High School Diploma
- Directed students in advanced keyboarding techniques
- Design curriculum for remedial adult learning styles

Technology Workshops, Seminars, Conferences, and Special Meetings Attended

“Teaching Technology with a T.W.I.S.T.,” Presenter, Teaching into Tomorrow, TEDxDenverEd, Denver, CO, July, 2010.

“Meddling in The Middle with Technology,” Co-Presenter/Trainer, Full-day Workshop in Video Production Basics for Teachers South Carolina Association of School Librarians, Charleston, SC, 2006.

“Using Video is Fun,” Presenter, EDTECH Technology Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC, 2005.

Awards, Achievements, or Special Recognitions

A. L. Corbett Middle School Teacher of the Year, 2002-2003

A. L. Corbett Middle School Employee of the Week, 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2001-2002

University Outstanding Student in Business Administration and Economics of the Year 1996-1997

First Place Poster Abstract on the Development of the South Carolina Lupus Registry, Petrock College of Health Sciences, Bethune-Cookman University, 2017.

Alice N. Burress Spirit Award for Outstanding Service to the Lupus Community, Lupus Community Award Recipient, 2017.

Membership and Offices Held in Professional Organizations

- South Carolina Learning Disability Association member, 2001-2002; Board, 2015-Present
- Aiken County Business Education Council member, 2002-2005
- School Improvement Council Member, 2000-2001
- South Carolina Education Association member, 1999-2000

Certifications

- Google for Education Certified Innovator and Trainer
- Microsoft Innovative Educator / Teacher Trainer, 2012

Publications

Johnson, Hetlena, Ed.S. “My Little Brother Knew Better.” *Learning Disabilities Association of South Carolina*. An LD Success Story. (Fall, 2015). E-newsletter guest contributor.

Johnson, Hetlena, Ed.S. “Using and Adapting Protocols to Help Facilitate Healthcare Support Groups.” *National School Reform Faculty Harmony Education Center*. Connections. (November, 2015). E-newsletter guest contributor.

Johnson, Hetlena, Ed.S. “Traveling with Lupus.” *We Connected Productions LLC*. What is Your Passion Tuesdays? (April 9, 2015). Web guest blog.

Johnson, Hetlena, Ed.S. “Raising Lupus Awareness.” *IMARA Magazine*. (December, 2013). Guest contributor.

Johnson, Hetlena, and Krauss, Jane. "Should Schools Test Teachers for Tech Proficiency before Hiring Them?" *Leading and Learning* 37(7) (May, 2010). Web.

Healthcare Workshops, Seminars, Conferences, and Special Meetings Attended

"Conducting Effective Lupus Support Groups – Virtually or Face-to-Face," Featured Speaker, Directors of Health Promotion and Education Lupus Education and Awareness for Patients, Professionals and Providers (DHPE LEAP), Webinar, October, 2016.

"Life with Lupus: How to Coordinate Care," Workshop, Big Bend AHEC and Rural Health Network, Florida Lupus Summit: Exploring the National Public Health Agenda for Lupus, Tallahassee, FL, August, 2016.

"Patient-Nurse Communication Regarding Lupus from a Lupus Patient's Point of View," Directors of Health Promotion and Education Lupus Education and Awareness for Patients, Professionals and Providers (DHPE LEAP), National Black Nurses Association 44th Annual Institute and Conference, Memphis, TN, August, 2016.

The Development of a South Carolina Lupus Registry: Poster Presentation, Co-Presenter (Dr. Edith Williams), The Epidemiology Congress of the Americas 2016 Conference, Miami, FL, June, 2016.

"Your Lupus Ethos: Learning to Live with Your Lupus," Keynote, Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program (UMADOAP), Lupus Education Event, Dayton, Ohio, May, 2016.

"Make Lupus Your Business Not Your Burden," Workshop, Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program (UMADOAP), Lupus Education Event, Dayton, Ohio, May, 2016.

"The Importance of Early Diagnosis and Patient-Primary Care Provider Communication Regarding Lupus," Directors of Health Promotion and Education Lupus Education and Awareness for Patients, Professionals and Providers (DHPE LEAP), National Medical Association Region V Conference, Kansas City, MO, April, 2016.

"Patient Perspective: Living with Lupus," Featured Speaker, Directors of Health Promotion and Education Lupus Education and Awareness for Patients, Professionals and Providers (DHPE LEAP), Webinar, May, 2016.

"Engaging with LFAs in Support of Lupus Awareness Month," Featured Speaker, Directors of Health Promotion and Education Lupus Education and Awareness for Patients, Professionals and Providers (DHPE LEAP), Webinar, April, 2016.

"Why Does It Hurt So Much: Lupus Awareness," Guest Speaker, Brookland Baptist Church Foundation's 16th Annual Community Health Fair, West Columbia, SC, March 2016.

"Real-to-Life Matters: Life with Lupus," Guest Speaker, Pearl Sistahs Magazine Launch and Showcase, Columbia, SC, September, 2015.

"Lupus House Party," Keynote, Medical University of South Carolina Division of Rheumatology & Immunology Lupus Patient Education Day, Charleston, SC, September, 2015.

"Your Money and Your Health (Introducing Lupus)," Speaker, Sisters Only Club Presents, Augusta, GA, July, 2015.

National Lupus Advocacy Summit, Advocate, Lupus Advocacy Participant on Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C., June, 2015.

"Your Health is Your Health," Workshop, Sisters Only Club Presents, Aiken, SC, June, 2015. "What is Lupus," Keynote, South Florence High School Dance Performance, Florence, SC, May, 2015.

"The Development of South Carolina Lupus Registry and Your Health," Speaker/Workshop, Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Hemingway, SC, February, 2015.

"What is Lupus," Speaker, Birdie's Nesting Place, Breast Cancer and Lupus Awareness Event, Alculu, SC, October, 2014.

"Family and Friends of Lupus Patients: Your Lupus Ethos," Keynote, Medical University of South Carolina Division of Rheumatology & Immunology Lupus Patient Education Day, Charleston, SC, September, 2014.

"Living and Traveling with Lupus," Workshop, Medical University of South Carolina Division of Rheumatology & Immunology Lupus Patient Education Day, Charleston, SC, September, 2014.

"Check That Money, Honey," Workshop, Sisters Only Club Presents, Aiken, SC, August, 2014. "Lupus Questions and Answers," Speaker, Potters Christian Life Center, Columbia, SC, October, 2013.