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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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**CAREER IN BRIEF**

Professor, Indiana University Northwest 2009 - Present  
Associate Professor, Indiana University Northwest 2002-2009  
Assistant Professor, Indiana University Northwest 1992-2002  
Indiana State Legislator, 14th House District 1990-Present  
Principal, Gary Community School Corp. 1978-1992  
Gary City Councilman, 4th District 1972-1990  
Assistant Principal, Gary Community School Corp. 1972-78  
Resource Teacher, Gary Community School Corp. 1971-72  
Elementary Teacher, Gary Community School Corp. 1966-71  
Adjunct Professor, I.U. Northwest and Purdue Calumet 1978-92 (periodically)  
Founder and President, I.U. Dons, Inc.  
Founder and Board President, I.U. Dons' Donzel Program, Inc.  
Founder of five other service or youth organizations  
Recipient of over 200 awards and citations  
Recipient of over 100 certificates of achievement or appreciation  
Listed in over 20 Books of biographical compilation

**EDUCATION**

18 Hrs	Post-Doctorate Studies Indiana University	1986-90
Ed. D.	Indiana University Bloomington, IN	1978
M.S.	Indiana University Bloomington, IN	1969
B.S.	Indiana University Bloomington, IN	1966

**FIELDS OF COMPETENCE:**

Education Administration  
Education Supervision

Science Methods  
 Math Methods  
 School - Community Relations  
 Parent - School Partnerships  
 Building Self-Esteem  
 Urban Education  
 Educating African American Males  
 Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTS)

## **PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS (Cross-listed)**

Member, Faculty Colloquium on Excellence in Teaching (FACET)  
 Member, National Council of Professors of Educational Administration  
 Member, American Association of University Professors  
 Member, American Educational Research Association  
 Member, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development  
 Past Member, Indiana Association of School Principals  
 Member, 1st District Association of School Principals  
 Founder and Member, Northern Indiana Association of Black School Educators (NIABSE)  
 Member, Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity, Inc.  
 Member, Blacks in Higher Education  
 Past Member and Past Treasurer, Indiana Association of Elementary and Middle School Principals  
 Past Member and Past President, Gary Elementary Principals Association

## **TEACHING Courses Taught**

### Undergraduate

M310	General Methods-Elem Teachers
M314	General Methods-SH/JH/MS Teachers
E328	Science in the Elementary School
H340	Education and American Culture

### Graduate

S512	School Reform for 21st Century
E535	Elementary School Curriculum
E536	Supervision of Elementary School Instruction
A670	Supervision of School Instruction
A500	School Administration
A510	School Community Relations
A625	Administration of Elementary Schools
A627	Secondary School Administration
A540	Elementary and Secondary Administration
A695	Practicum in School Administration

## **Supervisory Positions in Teaching**

- Field Supervisor for A695 Administration Practicum, 1993-present

- Field Supervisor for M310/M314 General Methods Field Experience, 1992- 2003
- Field Supervisor of Student Teachers, I.U.N., 2000
- Field Supervisor of Student Teachers, I.U.N. & Bloomington, 1996 and 1997
- UTEP Field Supervisor, 1992-95

## Teaching Awards

- Founder's Day Faculty Teaching Award, 2008=2009
- Nominated for the Trustee Teaching Award, 2009
- Nominated for the Trustee Teaching Award, 2008
- Nominated for the Founders' Day Teaching Award, 2007
- Trustee Teaching Award, 2006
- Nominated for the Founder's Day Teaching Award, 2006
- Nominated for the Founder's Day Teaching Award, 2003
- Nominated for the Founder's Day Teaching Award, 2001
- TERA Award, 2000
- Nominated for the Founder's Day Teaching Award, 2000
- FACET (Faculty Colloquium on Excellence in Teaching), 1998

## Teaching in Institutes, Special Seminars, Etc.

- "Re-Integration of Ex-Offenders" IN Minority Health Professional Sept. 8, 2006  
Association  
Indianapolis, IN
- "Climate, Culture, Learning UTEP Conference March 24, 2004  
Community: Invitational  
Education and More" Gary, IN
- "Shared Vision Continued" Gary Community Schools March 18-19, 2004
- "Climate, Culture and Discipline Gary Community Schools August 7-8, 2003
- "Gender Conflict in African Conference of April 5, 2001  
American Communities & Central States Communication  
Coping with the Messages of Association Conference  
Men: Selected Literature Review Cincinnati, OH
- "HIV/Aids Knowledge Sources National Black Males Conference October 27, 2000  
and Risk Behaviors Among Indianapolis, IN  
Adolescent African American  
Males: Toward Developing HIV/  
Aids Pedagogy."
- "The Effects of Caring on the World 2000 IAIE Conference October 13, 2000  
Achievement of African Greensboro, NC  
American Males: Case Studies
- "Building Self-Esteem in National Sandofa Council on April 15, 2000  
African American Children" Educating Children  
Merrillville, IN
- "A Mentoring Program That African American National August 13, 1999  
Works" Male Council Annual  
Conference  
Charlotte, NC
- "Saving the Black Male" 1st Annual Crime Prevention September 25, 1998  
and African American Male  
Empowerment Conference  
Gary, IN

- "Increasing Children's Self-Esteem" Chapter 1 Regional Conference May 13, 1997  
Gary, IN
- "Are Separate Schools the Solution for African American Males ?" African American Male National Council Annual Conference October 31, 1996  
Charleston, SC
- "Getting Your School to Pay Attention to You" Ohio Commission on African American Males and the Ohio Department of Human Services "Mother to Son" Conference March 16, 1996  
Columbus, OH
- "State Intervention in the Schooling Process" Assoc. of Teacher Educators- Indiana Assoc. of Colleges for Teacher Education (ATE-IACTE) October 22, 1995  
Turkey Run, IN
- "Math for Parents" Chapter 1 Regional Conference May 9, 1995  
Gary, IN
- "Perceptions of Minority Middle School Students in Regards to Teaching as a Career Choice" American Association of Colleges for Teacher (AACTE) February 22, 1995  
Chicago, IL
- "The Challenges of Urban Education" UTEP Workshop August 18, 1994  
Chesterton, IN
- "The Plight of the African American Male" Chapter 1 Regional Conference May 10, 1994  
Gary, IN
- "Legislative Perspectives of Educational Issues" Indiana Coalition of Blacks in Higher Education Spring Conference April 15, 1994  
Indianapolis, IN
- "Violence and Children" Nat'l Assoc. Of Social Workers Region I Conference March 22, 1994  
Valparaiso, IN
- "Building Self-Esteem" NW Indiana Early Childhood Conference June 18, 1993  
Hammond, IN
- "Intensifying the Education Dialogue" Annual Conference of the Illinois Committee on Black Concerns May 27, 1993  
Springfield, IL
- "The Plight of the African American Male" Midwest Regional Conference of Black School Educators April 16, 1993  
Fort Wayne, In
- "Stop the Merri-Go-Round, Let Me Off" Midwest Regional Center for Drug-Free Schools and Communities March 27, 1993  
Chicago, IL
- "The Status of the Black Male" Indiana Mid-America Assoc. of Educational Opportunity October 2, 1992  
Indianapolis, IN

## Teaching In The Community

•"I Too Sing America"	Indiana State Prison	January 21, 2013
•"Importance of Full Day Kdg	" South Bend NAACP	July 6, 2009
•"A Recipe for Success"	Emerson VPA School	September 20, 2009
• "Creating A Legacy"	Kenneth Allen Foundation Scholarship Dinner Indianapolis, IN	September 14, 2007
•"Diamonds are Forever"	Lew Wallace High School Gary, IN	May 19, 2006
•"Plight of the African American	Vigo County School Corp.	April 16, 2006
•"Is There A Message"	Back to School Convocation Gary, IN	August 22, 2005
•"A Message on Blackness"	Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Black History Program IUN, Gary, IN	February 26, 2005
•"Stepping Into Service"	M.W. St. Mark Grand Lodge	February 5, 2005
•"I Believe I Can Fly"	Phi Delta Kappa Kudos Banquet Gary, IN	March 17, 2002
"A Career in Molding Minds"	Tolleston School Career Day Gary, IN	March 27, 2002
•"A Recipe for Success"	Kuny School Career Day Gary, IN	May 2, 2001
•"So You Want to Teach"	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Career Day Gary, IN	March 24, 2001
•"If I'd Give You A Gift"	Thelma Marshall Home 11th Annual Christmas Breakfast Gary, IN	December 16, 2000
•"Civic Responsibility Is Yours Too"	Jefferson School Civic Responsibility Day Gary, IN	November 1, 2000
•"A Parents Role in Educating"	Back to School Forum Gary, IN	August 26, 2000
•"We Are All Debtors"	Webster School Awards Program Gary, IN	June 6, 2000
•"So You Want to Educate"	Gary Elementary Social Studies Annual Spring Chautaugua Gary, IN	May 4, 2000
•"A Second Chance"	Gary City Drug Court Gary, IN	April 24, 2000
•"What It Means to Serve"	NASW Recognition Dinner Gary, IN	March 31, 2000
•"A Recipe for Success"	Blessed Sacrament School Gary, IN	March 8, 2000
•"I Believe I Can Fly"	Black Oak School Gary, IN	February 25, 2000
•"The Black Experience"	Westville Correctional Center Westville, IN	February, 2000
•"Students Today, Leaders Tomorrow"	Ivanhoe School Gary, IN	November 15, 1999
•"Lest We Forget"	Gary City Federation of Colored Women Gary, IN	November 13, 1999
•"You Can't Stop Building Self- Esteem"	1999 Quest Conference Gary, IN	October 22, 1999

- "You Can Successfully Teach African American Youth" 1999 Quest Conference Gary, IN October 21, 1999
- "Teambuilding" Michigan City Area Schools Michigan City, IN August 19, 1999
- "Being Thankful" Martin L. King Academy Gary, IN November 24, 1998
- "Fellowship and Followship" St. James Baptist Church Gary, IN September 4, 1998
- "Achieving Excellence" District Grand Household of Ruth No. 9 Hammond, IN July 27, 1998
- "Meeting the Challenge" Gary Community Schools Corp. Tech Camp Gary, IN July 3, 1998
- "Your Vote - Be Informed and Responsible" Gary African American Lay Catholic Caucus Gary, IN June 13, 1998
- "I Believe I Can Fly" Pittman Square School Gary, IN June 12, 1998
- "I Believe I Can Fly" PSI Services, Inc. Gary, IN June 10, 1998
- "Chose a Career Teaching" Locke School Gary, IN June 9, 1998
- "Reaching Your Full Potential" Spaulding School Gary, IN May 20, 1998
- "Responsibility of a Scholar" I. U. Bloomington McNair Senior Banquet Bloomington, IN May 1, 1998
- "Increasing Students' Self-Esteem" I.U.N. Seminar Day Gary, IN April 24, 1998
- "Teaching as a Career" Great Band Church Gary, IN February 22, 1998
- "A Healthy Educational Start" Indiana Head Start Association State Conference Indianapolis, IN February 25, 1997
- "Reaffirmation of the Principal" Catholic Diocese Principals Meeting Gary, IN January 13, 1997
- "More Strategies to Increase Students' Self-Esteem" 1996 Quest Conference Gary, IN October 25, 1996
- "So You Want to Teach African American Children" 1996 Quest Conference Gary, IN October 24, 1996
- "Be the Light....Educating Intercity Youth" 1995 Quest Conference Gary, IN October 27, 1995
- "Strategies to Build Self-Esteem in the Classroom" 1995 Quest Conference Gary, IN October 26, 1995
- "Setting Your Goals High" INROADS/NW Indiana Merrillville, IN June 23, 1995
- "Building Self-Esteem" Carrie Gosch Elementary School East Chicago, IN May 15, 1995
- "Ganging Up on Gangs" Indiana Conference on Social Concerns Indianapolis, IN November 21, 1994

•"Math for Parents"	Chapter 1 District Advisory Council of Compensatory Education Gary, IN	November 17, 1994
•"Increasing Students' Self-Esteem"	1994 Quest Conference Gary, IN	October 28, 1994
•"The Perpetuation of the Black Male"	1994 Quest Conference Gary, IN	October 27, 1994
•"The Status of the Black Male"	Indiana Correctional Assoc. 61st Annual Conference Merrillville, IN	October 20, 1994
•"Building Students' Self-Esteem"	Gary Community Schools Gary, IN	October 19, 1994
•"Educating the Black Male"	Fort Wayne School Corp. Fort Wayne, IN	October 12, 1994
•"Making Science Exciting"	Gary Community Schools Gary, IN	October 5, 1994
•"Building Self-Esteem"	Cue, Inc. & I.U.N. Seminar Gary, IN	June 15, 1994
•"Building Your Students Self-Esteem and Self-Confidence"	Ernie Pyle School Gary, IN	May 12, 1994
•"The African American Male Child"	Gary Community Schools Gary, IN	April 14, 1994
•"The Plight of the African American Male: Minority Business Development"	Tri-State Minority Supplies Development Council Evansville, IN	January 17, 1994
•"Perpetuation of the Black Male"	1993 Quest Conference Gary, IN	October 22, 1993
•"Creating Excitement in the Elementary Science Classroom"	1993 Quest Conference Gary, IN	October 21, 1993
•"Male Child and Self-Esteem"	Banneker School Gary, IN	October 19, 1993
•"The Plight of the African American Male"	Indiana Institute of Technology Fort Wayne, IN	October 12, 1993
•"The African American Male"	Gary Community Schools Gary, IN	May 5, 1993
•"The Plight of the African American Male"	1992 Quest Conference Gary, IN	October 23, 1992
•"The Plight of Young Black Males"	Fellowship for Social Justice Legislative Conference Indianapolis, IN	October 3, 1992

## Curriculum Development in Teaching

- Developed three new course (A530, A540 and A512)
- Designed the Masters in Educational Leadership
- Developed disposition evaluation rubrics
- Revised the total Educational Leadership Program to meet the new State standards.
- Developed S512 Leadership Academy
- Revised the syllabi for M310/M314 General Methods to match outcomes-based program framework

- Developed S512 Educational Topics for Practitioners
- Revised all of the syllabi for the Administration and Supervision Program (1999)
- Revised the M310 General Methods Class and the M301 Field Experience
- Revised H340 Education and American Culture --more practical, reflective look at the field of education
- Developed S512 School Reform for the 21st Century
- Revised the A695 Practicum in Administration -- expanded the experience to two semesters
- Developed F500 Educating Urban Youth
- Developed an urban education presentation on teaching methodology and administrative styles using current popular films, e.g. *Lean on Me*, *Stand and Deliver*, and *Dangerous Minds*

## School of Education Committees Related to Teaching

- Advanced Committee – School of Education, 2003 - present
- Methods Committee- Education Department, 2000
- Field Experiences Committee - Education Department, 1999
- Graduate Committee - Education Department, 1998, 1999 and 2000
- Methods Subcommittee - Education Department Self-Study, 1996
- Curriculum Subcommittee - Education Department Self-Study, 1996

## Teaching-Related Curriculum Activities

- Test Rater, School Leader Licensure Assessment, 2006
- Panelist, Center for Excellence in Leadership Conference, 2006
- Participant, Microsoft Corp. K-12 Education Technology Executive Round Table
- Consultant, Gary Community School Corp. 2005-06
- Book Review Allyn & Bacon, *Basic Guide to Supervision and Instructional Leadership*, 2006
- Project Director, Project Team, 2002-05
- Book Review, Houghton Mifflin, *Introduction to Educational Administration: Theory, concepts, and practices*, 2005
- Book Review, Teachers College Press, *African American males in school and society: Practices & policies for effective education*, 2000
- Textbook Reviewer, Wadsworth Publishing Company, *Supervision: Focus on instruction*, 1997
- Textbook Reviewer, Greenwood Publishing Group, *Black Male Deviance* by Dr. Anthony Lemelle, 1996
- Textbook Reviewer, National Educational Service, *Achievement for African-American students: Strategies for the diverse classroom* by Dr. Gary L. Reglin, 1995
- Founded and sponsored a student chapter of ASCD on the I.U.N. Campus, Fall, 1996
- Organized and hosted 4th grade tours on I.U.N. Campus encouraging youngsters to consider a career in education, 1992-95
- Organized assemblies in all Gary schools encouraging Black graduating seniors to consider a career in education, 1992-95
- Organized and serves as Board President of the African American Achievers Youth Corps, Inc. -- provides mentoring, tutorial and counseling service to Black middle and high school males
- Consultant, "Building Self-Esteem in Students," Gary Community Schools, 1993-95
- Consultant, "Plight of the African American Male: Educating Black Males" Fort Wayne Community School Corp., 1994



- Advisor, Indiana Professional Standards Board Standing Committee on The Principalship , March 7, 1996

## Professional Development

- National Council of Professors of Educational Administration Annual Conference, 2015
- Indiana State Principals Association Annual Conference, 2014
- National Council of Professors of Educational Administration Annual Conference, 2014
- National Council of Professors of Educational Administration Annual Conference, 2013
- National Council of Professors of Educational Administration Annual Conference, 2012
- National Council of Professors of Educational Administration Annual Conference, 2011
- National Council of Professors of Educational Administration Annual Conference, 2010
- National Council of Professors of Educational Administration Annual Conference, 2009
- National Council of Professors of Educational Administration Annual Conference, 2008
- National Council of Professors of Educational Administration Annual Conference, 2007
- National Council of Professors of Educational Administration Annual Conference, 2006
- China-US Conference on Education & the First International Conference on Educational Leadership, 2006
- National Council of Professors of Educational Administration Summer Conference, 2005
- Men of Color Leadership Conference, 2005
- International Research Forum, 2004
- International Alliance for Invitational Education 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Meeting, 2004
- National Association of African American Studies, 2004
- AERA Symposium , 2003
- AACTE Annual Meeting, 2003
- ICET World Assembly Conference in Amsterdam, 2002
- Central States Communication Association Conference, 2001
- National Black Males Conference, 2000
- National Sankofa Council on Educating Children, 2000
- World 2000 IAIE Conference, 2000
- Indiana University/Smithsonian World Affairs Conference, 2000
- African American Male National Council Annual Conference, 1999
- African American Male National Council Annual Conference, 1996
- Europe '92 and Beyond Conference, 1992
- National Tech Prep Network Conference, 1992
- Indiana Association of School Principals Conference, 1992 and 1993
- Blacks and Violence Conference, 1992
- American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education 48th Annual Meeting, 1996

## SERVICE

### Indiana University Northwest

#### School of Education Service

- SOE Representative, Gary Reading Council, 1992- present
- Member, SOE Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2002-present
- Chair, SOE's Scholarship Committee, 2001-present
- Chair, Education Leadership Cognate Area, 1998- present
- Mentor, Educational Leadership Adjuncts, 2003- present
- Chair, Undergraduate Convocation, 2006

- Chair, SOE Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2006-07
- Member, NCATE Standard One Committee, 2004-05
- Director, Project Team, 2003-05
- Member, Recruitment and Retention Committee, 2001-2013
- Writing Student References, 1992- present
- Member, Graduation Celebration Committee, 2002- 2011
- Advising Students, 1992-present
- Member, Salary Committee, 1996-present
- Member, Advanced Committee, 1998-present
- Member, UTEP Policy Board, 2000- present
- Member, NCATE Standard One Committee, 2002-2012
- Member, SOE Prioritization Committee 2002-03
- Member, T to T Committee, 2002
- Assisted the Department in securing \$125,000 in Build Indiana Monies for the Portal Classroom Project, 2001
- Program Director, DOE's Project TEAM, 2002-04
- Member, Advisory Board for DOE's Project TEAM, 2001-02
- Member, Marketing Committee, 1996-97, 2000-01
- Member, Represent the Division at I.U.N. Open House, 1994-04
- Member, INCATE Accreditation Celebration Committee, 2000
- Member, Field Experience Committee, 1999-00
- Co-chair, Administrative Workshop, 2000
- Member, Social Studies Search Committee, 1999
- Member, Admissions/Reinstatement Committee, 1995-99
- Founder and Sponsor, ASCD Student Chapter, 1996-97**
- Member, Curriculum Sub-Committee -Division Self-Study, 1996
- Member, Methods Sub-Committee - Division Self-Study, 1996
- Member, Education Division Self-Study Committee, 1996
- Member, Faculty Evaluation Committee, 1995
- Member, Special Committee to Screen Secretaries, 1995
- Member, Search and Screen Committee - Director of Bilingual Education, 1992
- Arranged presentations in all Gary high schools to attract minorities into the field of education via our Division.
- Initiated the idea for summer workshops to service those educators who must renew their licenses periodically. Worked with the Marketing Committee to develop the workshops.
- Represented the Division, Indiana University South Bend, Certification Program for Principals in North Central Indiana, 1994
- Represented the Division, Indiana Association of Colleges of Teachers Educators, Taskforce on Minority Recruitment and Retention, 1995

## Campus and University Service

- Member, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Advisory Board, 2002-present
- Member, Student Affairs Committee, 1994- present
- Member, Committee to Recruit and Retain A Diverse Faculty and Staff, 2002-present •Member, Founders Day Teaching Award Committee, 2008
- Member, Campus P & T Committee, 2006- present
- Presenter, IUN's Social Work Legislative Education and Advocacy Day, March, 2007
- Member, Trustees Teaching Award Committee, 2006-07
- Member, I.U.N. Chapter of AAUP, 1999-present
- Member, Diversity Annual Report Committee, 2007 - present

- Reader, Master Thesis's, 2004- present
- Sponsor, I.U. Dons, Inc. Undergraduate Chapter, 1992-present
- Faculty Sponsor, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.-Alpha Kappa Kappa Chapter, 1992-present
- Participant, 10 (minus 1) Most Wanted Project - Habitat for Humanity, 2003
- Member, Security Committee, 2002
- Member, Martin L. King Observance and Black History Month Committee, 1998-01
- Member, I.U.N. Speakers Bureau, 1998-01
- Mentor, Career Beginnings, 1992-01
- Board Member, I. U. Neal Marshall Alumni Club, 1992-97
- Member, Community Outreach Committee, 1995-97
- Organizer, Campus Red Cross Blood Drive, 1996
- Chairman, Males Taskforce, Community Outreach Committee, 1995-96
- Chair, Student Affair Committee, 1994-95
- Organizer, 4th Grade Campus Visitations, 1993-95 (cross-listed)
- Member, Campus Update Committee, "Goals of the Nineties." 1994
- Speaker, I.U.N. Forum, "Investing in People Rebuilding U.S. Competitiveness", 1992

### **Service to Academic Profession (Cross-listed)**

- Test Rater, School Leaders Licensure Assessment (ETS)
- Member, Facet
- National Chairman, African American National Male Council
- Member, American Association of University Professors
- Member, The National Council of Professors of Educational Administration
- Member, American Educational Research Association
- Member, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
- Member, Indiana Association of School Principals
- Member, 1st District Association of School Principals
- Founder and Member, Northern Indiana Association of Black School Educators (NIABSE)
- Member, Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity, Inc.
- Member, Blacks in Higher Education
- Past Member and Past Treasurer, Indiana Association of Elementary and Middle School Principals
- Past Member and Past President, Gary Elementary Principals Association
- Presenter, Developmental Training Institute

### **Public Service**

#### **Public Service Awards and Honors**

*I am the recipient of over 200 awards (plaques) and over 100 citations of appreciation or achievement. A few representative ones (awards) are listed below:*

- [Gospel Music Alive N.W. Humanitarian Award, 2015](#)
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. 50 Years of Service Award, 2014
- Clark Road Church's Outstanding Educators and Community Servant Award, 2013
- Indiana Supreme Court Appreciation Award, 2013
- African American Achievers Youth Corps, Inc. Distinguished Founders Award, 2013
- Galilee M. B. Church Service Award, 2012
- Calumet Township Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award, 2012
- Froebel High School Alumni The Man Award, 2012

- Images of Hope “Unsung Hero” Award, 2011
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Centennial Celebration Award of Appreciation, 2011
- Apostolic Youth & Family Services, Inc. Beacon of Light Award, 2011
- Beta Mu Chapter Kudos Outstanding Black Male Role Model Award, 2011
- New Hope M.B. Church Community Service Award, 2011
- Legacy Foundation Center for Mentors Appreciation Award, 2011
- Brothers Keeper’s Distinction Award, 2009
- CRWorks, Inc. Public Service Award, 2009
- IUN’s Campus Council on Diversity Excellence Award, 2009
- Indiana University’s Charlie Nelms Alumni Award, 2009
- Indiana Black Expo’s Elected Official Award, 2009
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, 10<sup>th</sup> District Scroll of Appreciation, 2008
- George Pinnell Service Award, 2008
- Gary Community Health Center Recognition Award, 2008
- IUN’ Campus Council on Diversity Recognition Award, 2008
- Indiana Minority Health Coalition and Mental Health America of Indiana Legislator of the Year Award, 2007
- Indiana Dabney University Outstanding Service Award in Education, 2007
- Mental Heath America Hoosier Idol Award, 2007
- Parent Leadership Council Partners in Leadership Award, 2007
- G.E.M.S. Appreciation Award, 2006
- IUN Trustee Teaching Award, 2006
- National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Beta Mu Chapter Pursuit of Excellence Award, 2006
- Indiana Conference of American Association of University Professors’ Recognition Award, 2006
- Israel CME Church Metropolitan Outstanding Community Service Award, 2006
- East Chicago NAACP’s Achievement Award, 2006
- Indiana University Welsh-Bowen Award, 2005
- Lew Wallace H.S. Distinguished Leader Award, 2005
- West Side H.S. Honor Society Award of Appreciation, 2005
- Alpha Kappa Kappa Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Appreciation Award, 2005
- 0<sup>th</sup> District, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Citizen of the Year, 2005
- Listed in Who’s Who in America, 2005
- Listed in Outstanding intellectuals of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, 2005
- Listed in Who’s Who in the Midwest, 2005
- Listed in Who’s Who in America, 2004
- Chief’s Award, Lake Station, 2004
- New Hope African American – Frederic Douglas Award, 2003
- Listed in Who’s Who in America; Listed in International Who’s Who in the Midwest; Listed in Who’s Who in American Politics, 19<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2003
- Alpha Kappa Kappa Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Man of the Year Award, 2003
- Alpha Kappa Kappa Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Citizen of the Year Award, 2003
- City of Lake Station Appreciation Award, 2002
- Majestic Star Award, 2002
- Gary Frontiers Marchers Award, 2002
- IUN’s 10 Year Service Award, 2002
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Individual Highest Achievement, NW Indiana Aids Walk, 2002
- Froebel School Alumni Service Award, 2002
- Froebel School Alumni Appreciation Award, 2002
- Ivanhoe School Service Award, 2002
- Majestic Star Black History Award, 2002

- Listed in Who's Who in America; Listed in Who's Who Among African Americans; Listed in International Who's Who in the Midwest, 2002 edition.
- Listed in 18th Edition of Who's Who in American Politics, 2001
- National Association of Social Workers Region I Outstanding Commitment Award, 2000
- Gary Reading Council Appreciation Award, 2000
- IUN TERA Award, 2000
- Listed in Who's Who in America, 2000 edition; Listed in Who's Who in America, 2000 edition; Listed in International Who's Who, 2000 edition.
- Hoosier Boys Town Appreciation Award, 2000
- Featured (Cover Story) Big Brothers Big Sisters of America Newsletter for Diversity (Winter, 2000)
- New Hope Men's Day Award, 2000
- Listed in The Dictionary of Leading Americans, Midwest 1999 edition; Listed in Strathmore's Who Who's, 1999 edition
- Pittman Square School Appreciation Award, 1999
- NAACP Ovington Award, 1999
- New Hope Award, 1999
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity 10th District Service Award, 1999
- Lake Co. Association for the Retarded Appreciation Award, 1999
- Brothers Keeper Appreciation Award, 1999
- Listed in Who's Who in America, 1998 edition; Who's Who in the Midwest, 1998 edition; Strathmore's Who's Who, 1998 edition
- Froebel High School Alumni Appreciation Award, 1998
- Indiana Chapter of National Association of Social Workers Citizen of the Year, 1998
- Pittman Square School Appreciation Award, 1998
- Facet Excellence in Teaching Award, 1999
- Indiana League of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Service Award, 1998
- Froebel High School Alumni Appreciation Award, 1997
- Indiana Chapter of National Association of Social Workers Citizen of the Year, 1997
- Pittman Square School Appreciation Award, 1997
- Phi Delta Kappa Northwest Indiana Chapter 25 Year Award, 1996
- Gary Community School Corp. Parent Involvement Program Presenters Award, 1996
- National Council of Negro Women In the Bethune Tradition Award, 1996
- Listed in International Who's Who of Professionals, 1995
- Northwest Indiana Black Expo's Senator Carolyn Mosby Above and Beyond Award, 1995
- I.U. Dons, Inc. 25 Year Service Award, 1994
- Washington School Star Maker Award, 1993
- NAACP Heritage Award, 1993
- Gary Community Mental Health Center Board Member of the Year, 1993
- Inroads/NW Indiana Frank C. Carr Award, 1993
- Brothers Keeper You Are Special Award, 1993
- Pilgrim MB Church Pack A Pew Award, 1993
- Coalition of Black Trade Unionist Appreciation Award, 1993
- Walter J. Rooda Poor Relief Reform Award, 1993
- River Forest Community Schools Service Award, 1993
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Undergraduate Workshop Appreciation Award, 1993
- NAACP Outstanding Service Award, 1993
- Williams Elementary School Appreciation Award, 1992
- Williams Elementary School P.T.A. Appreciation Award, 1992
- Gary Elementary Principals Appreciation Award, 1992
- I.U. Northwest Alumni Association, Division of Education, Distinguished Educator Award, 1992
- Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police Appreciation Award, 1992
- Methodist Hospital Child and Adolescent Program Appreciation Award, 1992

- Indiana Association of Elementary and Middle School Principals Service Award, 1992
- Brothers Keeper Service Award, 1992
- Mr. G's Service Award, 1991
- I.U.S.A.A. Founding Member Award, 1991
- Gary Community Schools Presenters Award, 1991
- Omega Phi Phi's Omicron Rho Appreciation Award, 1991

## **Public Service Special Projects**

- Sponsor Annual Spirit of Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day for the needy, homeless, etc. Provide gifts and food for over 600, 1988-present
- Organized a Forum on Homelessness, 2003
- Sponsor Annual Fall Fest in behalf of Brothers Keeper Shelter for Homeless Men. Raised over \$10,000 annually; 1987-present
- Chair the Gary Indiana Citywide Festival Committee, Inc.- sponsors the Taste of Gary and Steel City Festival, 1980-95. Donated over \$25,000 to Gary Parks Department and Genesis Center
- Sponsor Annual Harvest Feast - feed the homeless and needy during the Thanksgiving season, 1991-present
- Board President and Mentor, African American Achievers Youth Corps, Inc. - provides mentoring, counseling, recreational, entrepreneurial, and tutorial services for over 289 Black male youth, 1993- present
- Chair - the I.U. Dons, Inc. Penny-A-Ton Drive. Raise over \$3,000 annually to provide clothing, food and toys to needy Gary students during the Yuletide season; 1969-present
- Sponsored a "Stash the Trash" project to clean Broadway, 4th-53rd Avenues, 1997 and 2000.

## **Public Service Memberships**

- Mentor, Jefferson School Gentlemen of Distinction Boys Organization, 2006- present
- National Chair, African American Male National Council, 2003 - present
- Member, Advisory Board of Children's Art Institute, 2003-present
- Board Member, Spirit of God Accelerated School, 1998 - 2004
- Board Member, Middle States African Studies Association, 2000 - present
- Member and Chaplain, Indiana Legislative Black Caucus, 1990 - present
- Board Member, Brothers Keeper Shelter for Homeless Men, 1985-present
- Member, Health and Human Service Committee of the Midwestern Legislators Conference of the Council of State Government, 1999-present
- Founder and President, Vernon Stars, 1976- present
- Chairman, Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males, 1993- present
- Chairman, Froebel-Roosevelt Annual Nostalgia Reunion, 1984-present
- Deacon and Sunday School Teacher, New Hope M.B. Church, 2000 - present
- Board Member, Northwest Indiana Urban League, 1980-present
- Founder and President, Focus Hope, 1971- present
- Founder and President, I.U. Dons, Inc., 1969 - present

- Founder and Board President, African American Achievers Youth Corps, Inc., 1993-present
- Member, Indiana Legislative Black Caucus, 1990-present
- Member, Board of Trustees of the Criminal Justice Institute, 1996-present
- Member, Governor's Commission for Drug Free Indiana, 1991-present
- Life Member and Board Member, Gary Chapter of NAACP, 1980-97
- Member, Indiana Public Defender Commission, 1999-2001
- Founder and Board President, I.U. Dons' Donzel program, Inc., 1973- 1999
- Founder and Chairman, Gary Black Leaders Council, 1992
- Acting Chair, Froebel School Proposal Taskforce, 1992
- Volunteer, Campaign for the Beautification of City of Gary, 1994-96
- Founder and Chairman, Gary Indiana City-Wide Festivals Committee, Inc., 1980-1996
- Deacon and Sunday School Teacher, Pilgrim M. B. Church, 1980- 2000
- Advisory Member, Latin Community Alliance for Support and Assistance of NW Indiana 1995-97
- Chaplain, National Black Caucus of State Legislators, 1992-99
- Founder and Past President, 100 Black Men of Gary, 1992-93
- Mentor, 21st Century Scholars Program, 1994-97
- Mentor, Roosevelt High School Sophomore Class, 1994-97
- Participant, Muscular Dystrophy Association Lock Up, 1995;1996 (earned the highest amount of monies both years)
- Founder and Member, Northwest Indiana Alliance of Black School Educators, 1978-Present
- Member and Board President (1990-92), Gary Community Mental Health Center, 1974-94
- Member, National Nominating Committee for Outstanding Young Men of American Program, 1996

## Public Service Lectures and Presentations

- Speaker, IUN Social Worker Students (February, 2009)
- Speaker, McCullough Girls' Academy Panasonic National School Change Award Celebration Ceremony (June, 2009)
- Speaker, Watson Academy for Boys Awards Day Program (June, 2009)
- Speaker, Gary Chamber of Commerce (December, 2009)
- Speaker, Gary Reading Council Annual Spring Banquet (April, 2009)
- Reader, Gary Community School Corp.'s Back to School Convocation (August 17, 2009)
- Speaker, Pyle Elementary School Career Day (May 27, 2009)
- Keynote Speaker, Indiana State Prison General Christian Church MLK Program, 2008
- Keynote Speaker, Indiana State Prison General Christian Church MLK Program, 2007
- Keynote Speaker, So. Bend , IN Martin L. King Holiday Celebration, 2007
- Keynote Speaker, Midwest Black Man's Think Tank, 2007
- Keynote Speaker, Ernie Pyle Elementary Career Day, 2007
- Presenter, Indiana Black Legislative Caucus Forum, 2006
- Panelist, Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males Statewide Crisis Forum, 2006
- Storyteller, Thea Bowman Leadership Academy Library Week, 2006
- Panelist, I.U.N.'s Interdisciplinary Conference on Ethics, 2006
- Speaker, M.W. St. Mark Grand Lodge A.F. & A. M. Banquet, 2005
- Speaker, African American Coalition Forum, 2005
- Speaker, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Black History Month Program, 2005
- Speaker, West Side H. S. National Honor Society Induction, 2005

- Speaker, Lew Wallace H.S. Awards Day Program, 2005
- Speaker, Gary Community School Corp's Back-To-School Convocation, 2005
- Speaker, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, AKK Chapter, Founders Day Banquet, 2005
- Speaker, West Side H.S. Retreat, 2004
- Speaker, Lake Co. Summit on Special Education, 2004
- Speaker, Gary Community School Corp, 2004
- Speaker, African American Male Empowerment Conference, 2004
- Presenter, Beckman Middle School's Career Day, 2004
- Speaker, H.O.P.E.'s Brown Vs. Board of Education Conference, 2004
- Speaker, Alpha Chi Pi Omega Sorority, Inc. Awards Banquet, 2004
- Speaker, Ivanhoe Elementary School's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Day, 2004
- Speaker, Graduation Services – Campagna Academy, 2004
- Keynoter, Indiana University's Groups Program 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 2004
- Panelist, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Conclave's Political Forum, 2004
- Speaker, Gary Community School Corp's Back-To-School Convocation, 2004
- Speaker, Indiana Minority Health Coalition for the Faith Based Conference, 2004
- Speaker, D'Faith Ministries's Luncheon, 2004
- Presenter, Barker School, 2004
- Presenter, Gary Community School Corp. Let's Talk Education, 2004
- Speaker, Dunbar-Pulaski Middle School "Growing Up Male" Luncheon, 2004
- Speaker, Government Class, Wirt High School, 2003
- Speaker, Miller Elementary School, 2003
- Presenter, Franklin Elementary School, 2003
- Interviewee, True Hollywood Story: Michael Jackson, 2003
- Speaker, Melton School Career Day, 2003
- Speaker, Koinonia Baptist Church Children/Youth Seminar, 2003
- Speaker, Graduation Services – St. Luke Baptist Church, Indianapolis, 2003
- Presenter, Gary Community Schools Workshop on Climate, culture and Discipline, 2003
- Speaker, Bethune Early Childhood Development Center Career Day, 2003
- Speaker, River Forest High School, 2003
- Speaker, Brunswick School, 2003
- Panel Leader, "One Voice Chicago/Regional Leadership Forum and Seminar, 2001
- Speaker, Kuny School Career Day, 2001 (cross-listed)
- Presenter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Career Day, 2001
- Speaker, New Hope Church Banquet, 2000
- Presenter, New Friendship Church Dedication, 2000
- Speaker, Gary City Federation of Colored Women's Club Women's Day Program, 2000
- Speaker, Lake County Children and Family Services Conference, 2000
- Presenter, Franklin School Informational Community Fair, 2000
- Speaker, Nobel School 4th Grade, 1999
- Speaker, Bailey School Honors Program, 1999
- Speaker, Roosevelt High School Career Day, 1999
- Speaker, Ivanhoe School Education Week Program, 1999
- Speaker, Pittman Square 5th Grade Closing Ceremony, 1999
- Speaker, Gary Chapter of National Association of Colored Women, 1999
- Speaker, Pyle Elementary School December PTA Meeting, 1999
- Speaker, Michigan City Area Schools Kick-Off Workshop, 1999
- Speaker, Phyllis Wheatley Federated Womens Club, 1999
- Speaker, Jefferson Elementary School Career Day, 1999
- Speaker, Indiana Districts Grand Lodge Session, 1999
- Speaker, New Hope Baptist Church, 1999
- Speaker, West Side High School December PTA Meeting, 1998
- Speaker, Locke Elementary School Career Day, 1998
- Speaker, Gary African American Lay Catholic Caucus Forum, 1998
- Speaker, Melton School's Career Day, 1998



- Speaker, Bailey School Honors Program, 1998
- Speaker, Spaulding School One Church, One School Program, 1998
- Speaker, Martin Luther King Academy Thanksgiving Program, 1998
- Speaker, Pittman Square 5th Grade Closing Ceremony, 1998
- Speaker, Gary Chapter of National Association of Colored Women, 1998
- Speaker, Career Day at Jefferson School, 1998
- Speaker, Gary Community School Corp. Dads Program, 1998
- Speaker, Psi Service, Inc.'s Graduation Ceremony, 1998
- Speaker, Gary Community Schools Tech Camp, 1998
- Speaker, Indiana Districts Grand Lodge Session, 1998
- Speaker, Great Band Church's Black History Month Career Day, 1998
- Speaker, West Side High School December PTA Meeting, 1998
- Speaker, Locke Elementary School Career Day, 1998
- Speaker, Gary African American Lay Catholic Caucus Forum, 1998
- Presenter, National Association of Social Workers, Indiana Chapter, Region One Round Table Forum, 1998
- Speaker, Ivanhoe Elementary School's 25th Annual Citywide Spelling Contest Celebration, 1997
- Speaker, St. Jude Family Worship Center Annual Love Affair Banquet, 1997
- Speaker, Ivanhoe Elementary School Promotion Day Program
- Presenter, Elementary Social Studies Council, 1997
- Speaker, Jefferson Elementary School's Career Day, 1994-97
- Speaker, Douglass Elementary School's Career Day, 1994-95
- Speaker, First Baptist Church's Brotherhood Breakfast, 1996
- Organizer and Speaker, Roosevelt High School's Mini Million Man March, 1996
- Speaker, Douglass Elementary School's Father & Son Banquet, 1996
- Speaker, Washington Elementary School's "I Believe in Youth" Seminar, 1996
- Speaker, Entrepreneurship Class at Chicago State University, 1996
- Speaker, Indiana Correctional Association 1996 Annual Conference, 1996
- Speaker, Bailey Middle School's Honors Program, 1996
- Speaker, Edison Middle School's American Education Week Program, 1996
- Speaker, Roosevelt High School 10th Grade Assembly, 1996
- Keynote Speaker, City of Hammond's M. L. King Commemorative Service, 1996
- Speaker, Mecca 1st Annual Rites of Passage Symposium, 1996
- Speaker, Pittman Square School's 5th Grade Closing Ceremony, 1995-97
- Speaker, Melton School's Men and Boys Only Breakfast, 1996
- Speaker, Tech Prep Program, Roosevelt High School, 1996
- Speaker, Beckman School's 8th Grade Honors Assembly, 1996
- Presenter, Pilgrim's Day Care National Child and Adult Care Food Week Program, 1996
- Speaker, Banneker Achievement Center American Education Week Assembly
- Speaker, Locke School's Career Day, 1994
- Speaker, Van Buren M.B. Church 1st Annual Conference on Empowering the African American Male, 1993
- Presenter, Young Men's Conference, Hammond, 1992
- Presenter, Fellowship for Severe Justice Legislation, 1992
- Presenter, Tree of Life M. B. Church Young Men's Conference, 1992
- Speaker, Newman Center, Soup with Substance, 1992

## Service in Official Position

During the last sixteen years I have the pleasure of serving as State Representative for the 14th House District. In the Legislature I hold the position of Assistant Majority Floor Leader. I have served as chairman of the Family, Children and Human Affairs Committee. I also have served on

or am currently serving on the Education Committee, the Elections Committee, and the Courts and Criminal Codes Committee. In addition to being highly **instrumental in securing funds for two buildings for the I.U. Northwest Campus and monies for UTEP**, I authored, co-authored, sponsored or co-sponsored, and led to passage the following legislation related to education:

			201
HB 1005	Indefinite teacher contracts	Author	0
			201
HB 1061	County identification security protection fee	Author	0
			201
HB 1135	Advanced placement exams; school counselors	Co-author	0
			201
SB 0415	Discharge of long term inmates; credit time	Cosponsor	0
			200
HB 1014	Age discrimination.	Author	9
			200
HB 1419	Student discipline	Author	9
			200
HB 1701	Corporate officers and worker's compensation	Author	9
			200
HB 1243	County Surveyor Training	Coauthor	9
			200
HB 1343	School dropout prevention	Co-author	9
			200
HB 1432	County auditor income tax distributions to units	Co-author	9
			200
SB 0039	Veterans' benefits	Cosponsor	9
SB0258	Duties of parole board and DOC	<b>Sponsor</b>	2008
HB1111	Requirements for recording documents and copies	Co-author	2008
HB1162	Legislative body youth advisers	Co-author	2008
HB1767	Property taxes - tax exempt organizations	<b>Author</b>	2007
HB1818	State House displays	<b>Author</b>	2007
HB1018	School buses	Co-author	2007
HB1075	Individual development accounts	Co-author	2007
HB1242	Medicaid disease management and kidney disease	Co-author	2007
HB1278	Local government investment pool	Co-author	2007
HB1437	Forensic diversion and criminal gangs	Co-author	2007
SB0553	Secretary of state fees	<b>Sponsor</b>	2007
SB0277	Genesis Convention Center Board of managers	Co-sponsor	2006
HB1240	Statewide testing program; mentor teacher	Co-author	2006
HB1013	License plates	Co-author	2006
HB1159	Law Enforcement	Co-author	2005
HB1308	Cultural Competency in Education	Co-author	2004
HB1022	Commission on the Social Status of Black Males	<b>Author</b>	2003
HB1358	Community Policing Volunteers	<b>Author</b>	2003
SB 482	Educational Credit Time for Inmates	<b>Sponsor</b>	2003
HB 1971	Education Issues	<b>Author</b>	2001
SB 501	Transportation of children	Co-sponsor	2001
HB 1018	Interscholastic athletic associations	Co-author	2000
HB 1300	Education information by ethnicity and gender	<b>Author</b>	1999

HB 1904	Blind school and deaf school governance	Co-author	1999
SB 0389	Programs for high ability students	Co-sponsor	1998
HB 1611	Teacher licensing	<b>Author</b>	1997
HB 1044	Obsolete textbooks	<b>Author</b>	1997
HB 1710	Extension of commission on the social status of black males	<b>Author</b>	1997
HB 1040	Education Commission of the States	Co-author	1996
SB 290	Educator licensing	Co-sponsor	1995
HB 1202	Prohibit beepers in schools	<b>Author</b>	1994
SB 430	Chronic attention deficient disorder (ADD; special education funding)	<b>Sponsor</b>	1994
HB 1065	Commission on the Social Status of Black Males	<b>Author</b>	1993
SB 68	Textbook contracts	<b>Sponsor</b>	1993
HB 1644	Inmates' credit time for education	<b>Author</b>	1993
SB 356	Braille literacy	<b>Sponsor</b>	1993
HB 1220	Possession of firearms; school property and school buses	Co-author	1993
HB 1885	Possession of weapons at school	Co-author	1993
SB 560	Teacher licensing examinations	<b>Sponsor</b>	1991
HB 1451	Resale of used textbooks	Co-author	1991
SB 3	School district audit	Co-sponsor	1991

In addition to the educational initiatives, I authored, co-authored, sponsored or co-sponsored, and led to passage 65 pieces of legislation pertaining to other subject matters.

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- Lemelle, A. J. & Smith, V. G.(Fall, 2001). HIV/Aids knowledge sources and risk behaviors among adolescent African American males: Toward developing HIV/Aids pedagogy. [Journal of African American Men, 6 \(2\), 3-17.](#)
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Educational Administration Annual Conference in Kansas City, MO.
- Smith, V. G. (August 9, 2012). African American and Asian youth self esteem. Paper presented at the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration Annual Conference in Kansas City, MO.
- Smith, V.G. (August 4, 2011) Self esteem and urban education. Paper presented

- at the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration Annual Conference in Portland, OR.
- Smith, V.G. (April, 8, 2011) Bury guns, not people. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association in New Orleans, LA.
- Smith, V.G. (August 4, 2010) Selecting and developing an A+ staff. Paper presented at the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.
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## **GRANTS AND RECOGNITIONS RECEIVED**

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- Geminus Corp. Grant in the amount of \$18,000 for the African American Achievers Youth Corps mentoring program, 2011
- Geminus Corp. Grant in the amount of \$18,000 for the African American Achievers Youth Corps mentoring program, 2010
- Drug Free Indiana Grant in the amount of \$4,000 for the African American Achievers Y Youth Corps mentoring program, 2010
- Geminus Corp. Grant in the amount of \$18,000 for the African American Achievers Youth Corps mentoring program, 2009
- Lake County Drug Free Indiana Prevention Grant in the Amount of \$4,000, 2009
- Lake County Drug Free Indiana Prevention Grant in the Amount of \$6,000, 2008

- Lake County Office of Children and Family Services Prevention Grant in the amount of \$10,000, 2008, 2007, and 2008
- U.S. Department of HUD Grant in the amount of **\$250,000** for the renovation of the Glen Theatre, 2006
- U.S. Department of HUD Grant in the amount of **\$250,000** for the renovation of the Glen Theatre, 2005
- U.S. Department of HUD Grant in the amount of **\$200,000** for the renovation of the Glen Theatre, 2004
- I.U. Overseas Conference Fund Grant in the amount of **\$800**, 2003.
- Build Indiana Grant for the renovation of the Glen Theatre in the amount of **\$175,000**, 2001; **\$175,000**, 2002.
- Build Indiana Grant for Department of Education's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom in the amount of **\$150,000**, 2001
- Indiana Minority Health Coalition HIV/Aids Pedagogy Study Grant in the amount of **\$3,000**, 2001
- Eli Lilly and Indiana Black Expo Grant in the amount of **\$30,000**, 1996-97; **\$2,000**, 1998; **\$1,000**, 1999; **\$1,000**, 2000.
- Indiana Restoring Fatherhood, Renewing Families Initiative - Model Programs Grant in the amount of **\$40,000**, 1997-99; **\$20,000**, 1999-00; **\$30,000**, 2000-01.
- NIPSCO Grant of **\$2,500**, 1997; **\$2,500**, 1998; **\$2,500**, 1999.
- Indiana's Comprehensive Communities Grant in the amount of **\$66,700**, 1995-96.
- Allstate Insurance Foundation Grant in the amount of **\$5,000**, 1994.
- Indiana Drug Free Indiana Grant in the amount of **\$22,000**, 1994.