# **Cheryl Garner Saffle**

# **Degrees**

### Earned:

Mississippi State University - BS Elementary 1-8
Masters of Exceptional Education in areas of EMR, LD, & Gifted
Master's Degree - Elementary Education
Specialist's Degree - Early Childhood Education with an emphasis in Reading
National Board Certified - Early Childhood Generalist

## **Professional**

# **Experience:**

1972-1973 - Columbus Public Schools

1973 -1977 - Norwood Valley Baptist Church Kindergarten Director & 5 year kindergarten teacher

1977 - 2003 - Jackson Public Schools

2002 – 2007 - Adjunct for Hinds Community College (Reading and Study Skills classes)

2003 - 2017 - New Summit School - classroom teacher K -3, reading interventionist 2017

– 2020 – New Learning Resources - elementary administrator, curriculum

coordinator/instructional coach/consultant

2020 - present - NLR - consultant

Additional Experience:

Trained in using Scottish Rites program for Dyslexia

Prepared and presented numerous teacher workshops for Mississippi State Department of Education, New Summit School, and Delta Kappa Gamma at the State and International levels

Scorer for National

Board submissions

Trainer for scorers for National Board submissions

Selected to rewrite benchmarks for National Boards in Philadelphia PA and again in San Antonio TX

# Honors & Recognition:

Teacher of the Month New Learning Resources District

Teacher of the Year New Learning Resources District

Metro Teacher of the Year

Advisor for Mississippi Community Education Center

Member of Delta Kappa Gamma - Chairperson for various committees

Served as President of Pi Chapter 2014-2016

Served state level DKG on many committees - latest - Communications and Publications Chair 2017-2019

Selected as one of Mississippi's Delta Kappa Gamma Women of Distinction

Represented my local and state chapter at educational conferences in Savannah GA, Nashville TN, and Austin Texas during the past 5 years Safe and Orderly School Climate Healthy Schools Program - Grant Writer

Co-Writer and recipient for Barksdale Reading Grant

JPS Grant recipient

Junior League of Jackson Grant recipient

21<sup>st</sup> Century After School Program

**Entrepreneurial Institutes** 

21st Century Grant recipient

Artists in Residence recipient

 $Written\ presentations\ and\ have\ published\ curriculum\ course\ designs\ for\ Reading/Language$ 

Arts and "You've Gotta Move" – Childhood Obesity Program – published

Published in "PI News" - DKG Newsletter & Christian Magazine

### Conference

### **Presentations:**

Jackson Public Schools - Professional Staff Development in the following areas:

Organization Skills for Students and Teachers, Tips for Reading, Whole Group reading, Writing Across the Curriculum, and Mapping Skills

Hinds Community College Conference Spring - Mapping Skills

Rankin County Association for Children Under Six – Writing Across the Curriculum & Whole language techniques

New Summit – Professional Staff Development in the following areas; Behavior Modification, Organization Skills for Students and Teachers, Tips for Reading, Scottish Rites/Dyslexia, Writing Across the Curriculum, and Mapping, Dyslexia Symposium 2014, Dyslexia Symposium 2015

Breaking the Code for Reading – International Delta Kappa Gamma Conference held in Nashville, TN - 2016

### **Professional**

### **Experience:**

(outside the classroom)

Mentor/ Consultant for New Teachers - Jackson Public Schools

Consultant/Trainer Mississippi Department of Education - Language Arts Highly Qualified Training

Consultant/ Trainer Mississippi Department of Education for First and Second Grade Teacher Reading Academy

Integrating Curriculum, Assessment, & Instruction Scorer for National Board Assessments in the area of Early Childhood Generalist Entry 4

Trainer for scoring National Board Assessments for the area of Early Childhood Generalist Entry 4

Mentor for eight National Board candidates who became certified

Participated in rewriting benchmarks for National Boards for the area of Early Childhood Generalist Entry 4 in both Philadelphia, PA and San Antonio, Texas.