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Education

Ph.D. in Educational Leadership	Gonzaga University, Spokane, 1983
MPA	University of Washington, Seattle, 1972
BA in Business	Washington State University, Pullman, 1970
Superintendent Credential	Gonzaga University, Spokane, 1987
Teaching Credential	Gonzaga University, Spokane, 1984

Experience

Vice President, Finance and Administration, Whitworth University, 2007 to now
Superintendent, Spokane Public Schools, 2001 to 2007
Chief Operating Officer, Seattle Public Schools, 1998-2001
President, Northwest Region, Voyager Expanded Learning, 1997-98 (private)
Superintendent, Edmonds School District, 1988-97
Superintendent, Mead School District, 1984-88
President, Associated Students of Washington State University, 1969-70
Business Manager, Mead School District, 1977-84
School Apportionment Supervisor, Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction, 1974-77
Research Analyst, Washington State Legislature, 1971-74
Superintendent's Advisory Committee, OSPI, 2006 to present
Board of Directors, Washington State Digital Learning Commons, 2003 to 2005
Member and president, Edmonds Community College Board of Trustees, 1999-2001
Member and former chair, Commission on Student Learning, 1993 to 1999
Commissioner, Education Commission of the States, 1990-95
Chair, Governor's Task Force on Schools for the 21st Century, 1987-1992
Member, National Council on Education Standards and Testing, 1992
Co-chair, Governor's School Funding Advisory Committee, 1985-86

Awards and Recognition

Crystal Apple Award, Washington School Public Relations Association, 2007
Outstanding Leadership Award, ERDI, 2006
CEO Communicator of the Year, Spokane Area Public Relations Society, 2006
Distinguished Alumnus Award, Gonzaga University, 2002
Fluke Leadership Award, South Snohomish County Chamber of Commerce, 1997
National Superintendent of the Year Finalist, AASA, 1993
Washington State Superintendent of the Year, WASA, 1993
Administrator of the Year, Washington Association of Educational Office Personnel, 1987

Memberships

Washington Association of School Administrators, life member, retired (WASA)
American Association of School Administrators (AASA)
Horace Mann League
Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education