

## CURRICULUM VITA

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**YVONNE W. BRANDON**

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### EDUCATION

Doctor of Education, 1993  
Supervision and Administration  
Nova University  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Master of Education, 1987  
Guidance Counseling  
Virginia State University  
Petersburg, Virginia

Bachelor of Science, 1976  
Biology  
Randolph-Macon College  
Ashland, Virginia

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **Superintendent, Richmond Public Schools, January 2009 – July 2013**

Ensure that Richmond Public Schools becomes a “Lighthouse Leadership” district by having every student and staff member experience success, each day, such that every school becomes fully accredited. This encompasses working collaboratively with the nine-member School Board, school staff, parents and community partners to achieve this goal. Major accomplishments include increased parental satisfaction and improved public perception about the quality and quantity of educational programs in the Richmond Public Schools

Responsible for the oversight and governance of administrative, instructional and operational functions of Richmond Public Schools. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, leadership in the areas of curriculum development, instruction, supervision, and accountability; providing division-wide direction, coordination and sound fiscal administration;

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (cont.)**

**Superintendent, Richmond Public Schools, January 2009 – July 2013 (cont.)**

educational services; professional development of staff; and, ensuring that students are availed of an environment that is conducive to learning. In 2010, 100% of the schools were fully accredited.

**Acting Superintendent, Richmond Public Schools, August 2008 – January 2009**

Major accomplishments included the assumption and fulfillment of the duties of the superintendent; the maintenance of forward momentum within the 24,000 student school district in the areas of instruction, safety and nurturance, budget and finance, human resources, and public engagement; and the assurance of stability and continuity within the district through an interim reorganization and enhanced communication with the Board of Education, city governance, the school board and the school community.

**Deputy Superintendent (May 2007 – August 2008), Associate Superintendent (August 2002 – May 2007), Richmond Public Schools**

Responsibilities included providing division-wide direction, coordination and leadership in the areas of curriculum development, instruction, supervision, accountability and educational services. Foremost responsibility has been the development and implementation of curriculum to address the Virginia Standards of Learning. Key supervisory responsibilities encompassed supervision of executive directors (elementary and secondary), director of instruction, director of exceptional education, office of research and evaluation, office of test management, and the department of safety and security.

**Director of Instruction, Richmond Public Schools, February 1999 – August 2002.**

Major accomplishments included the planning and supervision of curriculum development, academic services and vocational program implementation. Provided centralized academic and vocational services, supervised and directed the work of program and subject coordinators, specialists and resource teachers. Advised and counseled principals on matters pertaining to academic and vocational services/programs. Planned staff development programs for school staff in collaboration with the Coordinator of Staff Development and the Department of Human Resources. Planned and managed budget for the department of instruction to include general fund, local, state and federal grants and private funds.

**Principal (1995-1999), Assistant Principal (1991-1995), Summer School Principal (Summer 1995 – Summer 1999), Richmond Public Schools.**

Major accomplishments included providing instructional leadership and administering day-to-day operations for the school; increasing student achievement as measured by school, district and state testing instruments; initiating a shared decision making governance structure with faculty, parents, and the community. Monitored and evaluated instruction, student supported services, developed curricular design, organized staff development, budget development, fiscal management, maintained a safe and orderly environment, supervised and organized summer school commencement exercises, designed the master schedule, coordinated guidance services, supervised and evaluated non-licensed personnel.

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (cont.)**

**Guidance Counselor, Richmond Public Schools, August 1988 - November 1990.**

Conducted group and individual counseling, career guidance, disseminated information, student placement and scheduled and provided consultative services to outside agencies.

**Teacher/PLATO Site Coordinator, Richmond Public Schools, August 1977 – June 1988.**

Classroom management, organization and supervision, instructional delivery of science curriculum. Managed and organized the utilization and implementation of the PLATO computer lab. Supervised and managed an after-school computer based tutorial program for athletes.

**Project Coordinator, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia, November 1990 – September 1991.**

Organized and conducted training for program leaders for a peer and teacher led intervention program. Coordinated with Richmond Public Schools to conduct a post-intervention survey of all 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**Teacher Researcher, Biochemistry Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia, May 1986 – February 1988).**

Developed and implemented an independent scientific research protocol to investigate schwaan cell activity. Performed and nurtured schwaan cell preps. Research resulted in a publication in the Journal of Biochemistry and Experimental Sciences.

**Laboratory Assistant, Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia, August 1976 – May 1977**

Monitored independent research experiments, spectrophotometer analyses and organized and maintained lab equipment and supplies.

**Youth Employment Counselor, Richmond OIC, Richmond, Virginia, 1975 – 1977 (June – August).**

Managed student employees on job sites. Provided counseling services and career guidance programs.

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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Association of School Administrators  
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development  
Broad Superintendent's Academy  
Council of the Great City Schools  
National Alliance of Black School Educators  
National School Boards Association  
Virginia Association of School Superintendents  
Virginia School Boards Association

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**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Board of Trustees, Children's Museum of Richmond, Virginia  
Board of Trustees, Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Virginia  
Board Member, Appomattox Regional Governors Schools, Petersburg, Virginia  
Board Member, Bridging Richmond Executive Council  
Board Member, Bull & Bear Club (Former President), Richmond, Virginia  
Board Member, CAPER, Richmond, Virginia  
Board Member, Communities in Schools (CIS), Richmond, Virginia  
Board Member, Maggie Walker Governor's School, Richmond, Virginia  
Board Member, Partners in the Arts, Richmond, Virginia  
Board Member, Richmond Community Hospital Community Advisory, Richmond, Virginia  
Board Member, Richmond Public Schools Education Foundation, Richmond, Virginia  
Board Member, Virginia Mentoring Partnership, Richmond, Virginia  
Board Member, Virginia's Promise, Richmond, Virginia  
Executive Committee, Council of the Great City Schools (CGCS), Washington, D.C.  
Executive Committee, American Association of School Administrators (AASA),  
Washington, D.C.  
Member, Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Advisory Committee, Richmond, Virginia  
Member, Bridging Richmond Executive Committee, Richmond, Virginia  
Member, Center Stage Executive Committee, Richmond, Virginia  
Member, Delta Sigma Theta  
Member, Fifth Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia  
Member, Math Science/Innovations Center, Richmond, Virginia  
Member, Venture Richmond Executive Committee, Richmond, Virginia  
Member, Promised Neighborhoods Planning Committee, Richmond, Virginia  
Member, Superintendent's Judges Committee (Region I Rep), Richmond, Virginia  
Member, The Commonwealth Chapter of Links, Inc. (Former Vice President & Program  
Committee Chair)  
Member, University of Virginia, K-12 Education Advisory Council, Charlottesville, Virginia  
Member, Venture Richmond Education Committee (Co-Chair), Richmond, Virginia  
Member, Virginia State University Family Literacy Task Force, Petersburg, Virginia

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**PROFESSIONAL AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

Astoria Beneficial Club, Inc., Citizenship Award 2011  
Broad Urban Superintendents Academy 2006  
Central Virginia Leadership Academy, March 1998  
E.I. DuPont & de Nemours Science Teacher Fellow to the NSTA, New Orleans Conference 1984  
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, 1987, Publication 1988  
Living The Dream Community Leaders for Youth and Education, 2011  
Richmond Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta, Educator of the Year, 2010  
Richmond Association of Education Office Professionals, Administrator of the Year 2011  
Richmond City Council, Citizens Award for Dedication to Educating Children, 2009  
Richmond Public Schools, Principal's Preparation Program 1994  
Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Alpha Beta Boulé Oliver Hill Citizen of the Year, 2010

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**PROFESSIONAL AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS (cont)**

William & Mary Leadership Institute, June 1998

Presenter, Council of the Great City Schools

Presenter, Hartman Conference and their Families, New London, CT, June 1991

Presenter, Harvard University, Urban Superintendents Program, 2009

Presenter, Junior National Divers Regional Orlando, FL, October 1992

Presenter, Target TEACH, Virginia Beach, VA Columbia, S.C. and Phoenix, AZ

Presenter, The Joint House Staff Committee on the Reauthorization of No Child Left Behind,  
Washington, D.C. 2006

Presenter, Richmond Public Schools, Master Scheduling Workshop 1994 & 1995

Testified Before the United States Senate Committee on Health Education, Labor and Pension,  
Washington, D.C., 2007

YWCA Outstanding Women in Education, 2011