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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Nationally recognized educator and community engagement leader with 13 school years of experience connecting mathematics and STEM education, family learning and community partnerships. Recipient of the 2026 Toyota Family Teacher of the Year award. Holds an Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction with a specialization in K-8 Mathematics Education. Secured more than \$175,000 in competitive grant funding and developed programs serving more than 300 families annually. Brings classroom experience, national conference presentation experience and practical expertise in engaging families, developing partnerships and connecting learning to students' lives and communities.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Family engagement and intergenerational learning
- Community partnerships and school collaboration
- Professional learning and workshop facilitation
- Mathematics and STEM program development
- Culturally responsive instruction
- K-8 mathematics curriculum design
- Grant development and resource mobilization
- Public speaking and educational leadership

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of Education Programs and Community Engagement

June 2026 to present

Above and Beyond for Change, Orlando, Florida

- Lead the development and implementation of education, family learning and community engagement initiatives in partnership with schools and community organizations.
- Coordinate partnerships supporting Pinewood Elementary, connecting school leaders, educators, businesses, nonprofit organizations, donors and volunteers.
- Translate school and family needs into educational programs, enrichment opportunities and practical family support.
- Support after-school STEM programming, student mentoring and opportunities for families and partners to contribute to program planning and delivery.

Teacher and STEM Coordinator

August 2013 to May 2026

Pinewood Elementary, Orange County Public Schools, Orlando, Florida

- Designed and delivered mathematics instruction and STEM experiences connecting academic concepts with real-world situations and community resources.
- Secured more than \$130,000 in competitive grant funding for instructional resources, academic projects and student enrichment.
- Developed family learning opportunities, including support with digital learning platforms and community-based mathematics activities.
- Built partnerships with businesses and nonprofit organizations to expand student learning and family engagement.
- Organized cultural celebrations and community experiences that welcomed families' languages, backgrounds and contributions.
- Led STEM clubs that engaged students in design, experimentation, collaboration and problem solving.

SELECTED FAMILY AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

- **Parent Academy and Digital Learning Support.** Supported families in using digital tools and school learning platforms to strengthen their participation in their children's education.
- **Community-Based Mathematics Learning.** Connected mathematics with everyday experiences through partnerships with local businesses, including supermarket mathematics activities.
- **Cultural Day.** Brought families, educators and community partners together to celebrate cultural identities and strengthen school and home relationships.

- **STEM Enrichment.** Created opportunities for students to investigate problems, test designs and apply mathematics and science through hands-on learning.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Nominations Committee Chair, National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics (NCSM) 2025 to 2027

- Lead the committee's work supporting nominations for national mathematics education leadership positions; coordinate with the Board of Directors to identify and recruit qualified candidates.
- Manage nomination timelines, reviewer coordination, procedures and communications; support consistent and equitable candidate review and a diverse leadership pipeline.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Education, Curriculum and Instruction, specialization in K-8 Mathematics Education, University of Central Florida, August 2024

Master of Education, K-8 Mathematics and Science, University of Central Florida, August 2021

HONORS AND RECOGNITION

• Toyota Family Teacher of the Year, National Center for Families Learning and Toyota, 2026	• Noyce Master Teaching Fellowship, University of Central Florida, 2020 to 2025
• Partners in Education Coordinator of the Year, Orange County Public Schools, 2024-2025	• Iris Carl Grant, NCSM, 2023
• Pinewood Elementary Teacher of the Year, 2019-2020 and 2024-2025	• Tom Denmark Educator Enhancement Grant, FCTM, 2022
• CommUNITY Champion, WESH 2 News, 2025	• Teacher of the Week, FOX 35 News, 2022
• Order of Pegasus, University of Central Florida, 2024	• Top Ten Teacher, Live with Kelly and Ryan, 2021
• First Runner-Up, Three Minute Thesis, ICRSME, 2024	• Everyday Hero, Spectrum News 13, 2021

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2025. Lesson Study: A Powerful Coaching Framework for Reflective Practice in Mathematics Instruction. With Sarah Lumpkin. NCSM Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2025. Redefining Relevance: Using Community Connections to Create Equitable Math Experiences. NCTM Annual Virtual Conference.
- 2025. Lesson Study: A Powerful Coaching Framework for Reflective Practice in Mathematics Instruction. FCTM Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida.
- 2025. Beyond Basic Recall: Crafting Questions that Transform Mathematical Understanding. With Joslyn Vilabrera. FCTM Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida.
- 2024. Eliminating Barriers Through Real-World Connections: Partnering with Local Businesses for Equitable Mathematics Instruction. NCSM Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2024. Lesson Study as a Catalyst for Integrating Conceptual and Procedural Components in Fraction-Based Mathematics Tasks. ICRSME Virtual Conference.
- 2024. Lesson study and fraction-based mathematics tasks. Holmes Preconference, AACTE Annual Meeting.
- 2023. You Are a Math Person. With A. Ruiz. NCSM Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 2023. The Wonders of Student-Centered Tasks. FCTM Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida.
- 2022. The Seven Wonders of Open-Ended Tasks. FCTM Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics (NCSM) · National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) · Florida Council of Teachers of Mathematics (FCTM) · American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE)