

Rita F. Reagan

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WORK: Retired, 1997, Duval County Public Schools

EDUCATION:

- 1988** All requirements for Ed. D. in Educational Leadership at University of Florida completed, except dissertation
- 1986** Ed.S., Educational Leadership, University of Florida
- 1980** M.Ed., Administration and Curriculum, University of North Florida
- 1970 - 1973** Course work at University of Florida, Jacksonville University, and University of North Florida; certification in Reading by Florida Department of Education
- 1962** B.A. Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP:

- 2013 - 2017** Pro Bono Executive Director, Chairman of Board of Directors, Norman Studios Silent Film Museum, Inc.
- 2006 - 2013** Founding member of Norman Studios Silent Film Museum, Inc., Board of Directors, grant writer, outreach, government liaison, program director, archivist
- 1994 - 2005** Founding member of Old Arlington Inc. Board of Directors

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION:

- Seven years in district administration as Supervisor, Student Activities, Duval County Public Schools, from 1978 to 1985
- Twenty-two years as grant writer; projects director; teacher of English, Reading, Peer Counseling, History, and special programs in Duval County and Broward County Public Schools; beginning in Germany, in 1962

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- 1992 - 1997**
- Developed and directed in programs with an emphasis on Heritage Education, which allowed students to explore cultural heritages and the influence of urban evolution on individuals and society
- 1991 - 1993**
- Obtained grants to bring Duval County high school students (Multicultural Youth Network) and adults (Project Dialogue) together for meaningful discussion and problem-solving
- 1987 - 1991**
- Organized and chaired Professionalization and Educational Restructuring task forces and programs sponsored by Florida DOE, DCPS, and DTU (Duval Teachers United)
 - Won approximately \$1,000,000 in state grants for district Merit Schools and Restructuring
 - Won approximately \$100,000 for Andrew Jackson Senior High School Teachers as Advisors Program; administered program for three years
 - Led School Improvement Team at Andrew Jackson Senior High; obtained Merit School status, resulting in cash bonuses for every faculty and staff person (approximately \$70,000)
- 1985-86**
- Received Sabbatical Leave to pursue doctoral program
 - Developed grant proposals for alternative and magnet programs for several schools, including a full-services concept, arts, and interdisciplinary studies
 - Served as a Guardian Ad Litem; later completed ethnographic study of selected chapters of Florida program
 - Lobbied extensively for Alternative Education legislation; completed several projects for Florida Office of Alternative Education, including cataloguing models from throughout the nation; visited numerous sites
 - Completed a power study on the creation of Jacksonville's Child Services Division

- 1978 - 1985**
 - As Supervisor of Student Activities for DCPS, wrote grants and created programs featuring students: PATHFINDERS, parent/child support teams
 - TELE-PEERS, a peer-counseling television program for and by students
 - Produced televised academic competitions, including Brain Brawl
 - Coordinated or assisted other district staff with all student activities and competitions, except sports
 - Served as liaison with many community groups
 - Conducted extensive workshops for students, faculties, and community agencies
 - Served as tour guide for numerous national and international visitors
 - Served as a team member for numerous drug and alcohol prevention programs
 - Produced interdisciplinary curriculum materials
- 1967 - 1979**
 - Taught English in several intercity schools in Duval County
 - After maternity leave and becoming certified in Reading, became part of a federal Reading project – wrote 1st grant in 1976 “Maybe Media Does Have the Message!” which used an interdisciplinary, multimedia approach to teaching “disadvantaged” students, leading to participation in many district and state activities, and eventually to an administrative position
- 1964 - 1967**
 - Taught language skills in shelter workshop for learning-disabled students, Ft. Myers, FL.
 - Integrated Broward County schools and taught core curriculum at Lanier Jr. High School, Hallandale, FL
- 1962 - 1963**
 - Taught English, United States Army Adult Education Center, Gelnhausen, Germany

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

- 2009 - 2011**
 - Board of Directors and archivist, Springfield Improvement Association and Archives
- 1998 - 2008**
 - Founded and directed Springfield Heritage Museum and Education Center
 - Developed Springfield Archives
- 1995 - 1997**
 - Wrote grants, directed programs in housing, commercial revitalization, heritage education, and community development for Springfield organizations
- 1992 - 1997**
 - Executive Board, Springfield Preservation and Restoration (SPAR)
- 1994 - 1997**
 - Executive Board, The Bridge: A Full Service Youth Center; Historic Springfield Community Council
 - Metropolitan Park “Kids Campus”; WJCT-TV Community Advisory Board
- 1997**
 - Executive Board, Epilepsy Foundation
- 1990 - 1996**
 - Executive Board, Urban Ministries of Springfield, Springfield Improvement Association and Woman’s Club
 - Anne Frank Exhibition Committee
 - Duval Teachers United,
 - Jacksonville Job Corps
 - Phi Delta Kappa
 - DCTE/ NCTE (Duval and National Councils of Teachers of English)
 - Hogan’s Creek Greenway Park Task Force