

Pamela A. Ward PhD

QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY

Educator with extensive, recent experience in university teaching, US public school program development and supervision of thirty-five private international schools serving US diplomats and other mobile families requiring an American-style education.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Training

- Taught 15 different graduate courses in human development, psychology and education at three universities.
- Presented more than 30 workshops on special needs and gifted education for teachers, administrators and parents, both in the US and abroad.
- Trained in excess of twenty counselors and psychologists in crisis intervention for children and families in international settings.

Leadership

- Negotiated relationships between more than thirty international schools and associated US Embassies regarding services and support for schools.
- Annually allotted \$2.5 million of grant funding to schools in Sub-Saharan Africa and monitored the usage of the grants for educational purposes.
- Coordinated the Office of Overseas Schools Special Needs Committee. This committee consists of twelve nationally recognized experts in the several fields of special and gifted education and advises international schools and educational associations.

Human Relations

- Counseled more than 200 families annually regarding appropriate placement for K-12 students at posts abroad.
- Advised parents, in groups or individually, regarding special needs services abroad for their children.
- Served on placement panel within the Department of State Medical Division determining options for students needing therapeutic boarding schools.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Office of Overseas Schools, US Department of State (Washington, DC) 2006-2012
Regional Education Officer

Virginia Beach and Arlington, Virginia Public Schools
1999-2006
K-12 Gifted Resources Coordinator

University of Texas at El Paso, Old Dominion University, 1998-2006
Marymount University
Instructor in Psychology and Education

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, University of Virginia, 2006
Educational Specialist, University of Arizona
Master of Education, University of Arizona
Bachelor of Arts, History and Sociology, University of Virginia
Certificate of Completion, Nine Month Professional Economics Course, FSI

AWARDS

Superior Honor Award, US Department of State
Benjamin Franklin Award, US Department of State

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Board of Directors, Carol Morgan School, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 1986-1990
President, Board of Directors, WICE, Paris, France, 1995-1998
President, Board of Directors, Foreign Service Youth Foundation, 2003-2006
Board of Directors, Foundation for Historic Christ Church, Irvington, VA, 2011-present

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Association for Gifted Children
Virginia State Advisory Committee for the Gifted