

## **TYLER, VERNELLE, Ph.D.**

### **Academic Degrees**

M.Ed.	University of South Carolina	1994	Educational Administration
Ph.D.	University of South Carolina	1993	Elementary Education
M.Ed.	University of South Carolina	1989	Early Childhood Education
B.S.	Morris Brown College	1972	Elementary Education

### **Professional Experiences**

1998 - 2007	University of South Carolina Aiken, associate professor
1996 - 1998	Aiken County Public Schools, middle school principal
1995 - 1998	University of South Carolina Aiken, adjunct professor
1994 - 1996	Aiken County Public Schools, assistant principal
1993 - 1995	Benedict College, coordinator of instruction for summer enrichment programs
1993 - 1994	Aiken County Public Schools, principal apprentice
1972 - 1993	Aiken County Public Schools, elementary school teacher

### **Collegiate Assignments**

#### **USC Aiken, Aiken, SC**

University Nominating Committee (98-99)  
Educational Program Committee (SACS) (98-Present)  
Community Service Award Committee, (98-99)  
Elementary/Early Childhood Advisory Council (96-Present)  
Diversity in Education Task Force (98-Present)  
National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Committees (98-99)  
Campus Life Committee (99-Present)  
Graduate Advisory Council (99-01)  
Institutional Planning Cabinet (IPC) (99-01)  
Search Committee Chair for Science, Social Studies or Math position, School of Education (98-99)  
Search Committee Member for an instructor of Special Education position, School of Education (98-99)  
Search Committee Member for the Beaufort Coordinator position, School of Business (99-00)  
Search Committee Chair, Assistant Professor of Special Education Position, School of Education (99-00)  
Appointed Member of USCA Chancellor Search Committee (April, 2000)  
Commencement Committee (2000-2002)  
Strategic Planning Competitive Educational Committee (2001-2002)  
Search Committee Member for Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education Position, (Spring, 2002)  
Search Committee Member for Assistant Professor in Management, School of Business (Spring/Summer 2002)  
Search Committee Member for the Head, School of Business, (Spring, 2003)  
University Planning Committee (2002-Present)  
Post Tenure Review Committee (August 2004-Present)

**Aiken Technical College, Aiken, SC**  
Diversity Advisory Board (96-2001)

**Paine College, Augusta, GA**  
Upward Bound Program Advisory Consultant (95-Present)

### **Current /Past Professional and Academic Association Memberships**

Aiken County Concerned Educators' Association  
National Education Association  
South Carolina Education Association  
South Carolina Education Association for the Education of Young Children  
South Carolina Association of School Administrators Legislative Committee Member  
South Carolina Alliance of Black School Educators

### **Present Professional Assignments and Activities**

External Review Team Member for the Office of School Quality, South Carolina Department of School Quality (October 31, 2002-Present)  
Curriculum Consultant for Greenwood County Public School 50- Special Services  
Reader/Evaluator for the M.Ed. Comprehensive Examinations and Oral Defenses  
Consultant, Exemplary Writing Program for Redcliffe Elementary School  
Reader/Judge for American Education Week Parent Essays (New Ellenton Middle School)  
Coordinator for USCA Pen Pal Project (Aiken County Public Schools)  
Grant Reader, Teacher Grants for Darlington County Public Schools  
Education Accountability Standing Committee (Aiken County Public Schools)  
Consultant, Character Education Program at New Ellenton Middle School  
Grant Reader for Early Childhood Summer Enrichment Programs funded by First Steps (May, 2002)  
Author and Consultant for grant written for the Friendship Baptist Church Tutorial Program to Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) funded by the US Department of Labor (November, 2002-Present)  
Second Vice-President of Helping Hands, Inc. Board (August. 2004 – Present)

### **Past Professional Assignments and Activities**

Consultant, Exemplary Writing Program for Greendale Elementary School, **Greendale received the 1997-98 and 1998-99 South Carolina Exemplary Writing Award.**  
Consultant, Paine College, Fifth Graders Moving Upward Program  
Coordinator, E.A.S.E. (Enhancing All Students' Education) Intervention Program  
Technical Grant Reader, SC Department of Education EIA Teacher Grants  
Technical Grant Reader, National Science Foundation, Comprehensive Partnership for Minority Student Achievement Grants  
Manuscript Reviewer for Ron Cramer's *Creative Power: The Nature and Nurture of Children's Writing* (Addison Wesley Longman, April, 1999)  
Observer/Interviewer for the South Carolina Statewide Systemic Initiative for CSRA Hub Teachers (March, 2000)  
Manuscript Reviewer for Burke Johnson's and Larry Christensen's *Educational Research Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches*, Allyn and Bacon (November, 2001)

Consultant for Greenwood 50 Public schools (Observed/assisted in “needs improvement” classrooms, September-December, 2002)  
Manuscript Reviewer for Burke Johnson’s and Larry Christensen’s *Educational Research Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches*, Allyn and Bacon (November, 2002)  
Manuscript Reviewer for Carol Gestwicki’s *Developmentally Appropriate Practice: Curriculum and Development in Early Education*, Delmar Learning (March, 2004)  
Board Member, Helping Hand, Inc. (September, 2004-Present)

### **Publications**

Tyler, V. (Fall, 2002). “It Takes a Great START (Support, Training, Appreciation, Retention, and Trust). Article located in the Fall, 2002 *Palmetto Administrator* (Refereed Article).

Tyler, V. (Fall 2001). “Home-School Connections -Article located in the Fall 2001 *Teacher Education Journal of South Carolina* (Refereed Article).

Tyler, V. (Spring 2000). “Why Recess?” - *Dimensions* (Refereed Article).

Tyler, V. (Fall 1999). “Students Helping Students”, - Article located in the Fall 1999 *Teacher Education Journal of South Carolina* (Refereed Article).

Tyler, V. (1999). “Play: How Important is it?” - Article located in the 1999 *Conference Proceedings of the International Play Association*. Little Rock, Arkansas. Gudemi, M., Jambor, T., and Skrupkelis, A. (eds.), (Invitational Refereed Article).

Tyler, V. (1993). “*Teacher Attributes and School Support Structures That Promote Parent Involvement in Early Childhood Education Programs*”, Doctoral Dissertation, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Tyler, V. (1992). “Handwriting Tips,” in *McDougal Littell Handwriting, Level 1*, McDougal Littell and Company.

### **Presentations at Professional Meetings**

Tyler, V. (2006, January 23, 2006). “*The Value of Parent Volunteers in Schools*” Session Closing the Achievement Gap in South Carolina-Putting Home and Community Strategies into Action. CSRA African American Community Achievement Network (ACCAN) Conference Aiken, SC (not peer reviewed).

Tyler, V. (2005, January 7-9). Surviving the First Year. South Carolina Alliance of Black School Educators’ Winter Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC. (peer reviewed).

Tyler, V. (2005, January 15). Assessing Scholarship Money. CSRA AfroAmericanCommunity Achievement Network (ACCAN) Conference, Aiken, SC (not peer reviewed)

Tyler, V. (2004, October) - *Minority Recruitment Workshop for National Board Certification (NBC)*; Organized workshop and shared pertinent information regarding NBC at Redcliffe Elementary School in Beach Island, SC.

Tyler, V. (2004, September) - *Increasing the Pipeline of Minority National Board Certified Teacher*; Served as a South Carolina panelist at the Minority Recruitment 2004 Summit in Atlanta, Georgia.

Tyler, V. (2004, January) - *Surviving the First Year*; Presented at the South Carolina Alliance of Black School Educators (SCABSE) Winter Conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Tyler, V. (2003, May) – *Enhancing Young Children's Literacy Skills*; Presented at the Week of the Young Child Conference at the University of South Carolina in Aiken, South Carolina.

Tyler, V. (2002, January) - *STEPS (Strategies, Techniques, and Effective Practices)*; Presented at the Instructional Fair in Mathematics, Reading/LA, Science and Technology, University of South Carolina Aiken, Aiken, SC.

Tyler, V. (2002, June) - *It Takes a Great START (Support, Training, Appreciation, Retention, Trust)*; Presented at the South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA) Summer Leadership Institute.

Tyler, V. (2001, June) - *Character in the Middle II*; Presented at the South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA) Summer Leadership Institute.

Tyler, V. (2000, January) - *Writing STEPS (Strategies, Techniques, and Effective Practices)*; Presented at the South Carolina Association of Black Educators (SCABE) Winter Conference.

Tyler, V. (2000, June) - *Character in the Middle I*; Presented at the South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA) Summer Leadership Institute.

Tyler, V. (1999, April) - *Handy Ideas for the Classroom*; Presented at the SC Association for the Education of Young Children Week of the Young Child Conference. Aiken, SC.

Tyler, V. (1998, October) - *RELAX, Really Exciting Language Arts X'tras*; Presented at the Seventeenth Annual South Carolina Association of the Education of Young Children, Columbia, SC.

Tyler, V. (1996, June) - *What's Cooking in Elementary Language Arts?* Presented at Project Upward Bound, Paine College, Augusta, GA.

Tyler, V. (1995, October) - Panelist for the Comprehensive Partnership for Minority Student Achievement (CPMSA) Program, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA.

Tyler, V. (1994, June) - *RELAX, Really Exciting Language Arts X'tras*; Presented at the Early Childhood Education Summer Institute, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Tyler, V. (1993, June) - *Making Language Arts Exciting*; Presented at the Week of the Young Child Share Fair, Aiken Technical College, Aiken, SC.

Tyler, V. (1992, June) - *Teacher Attributes That Promote Strong Family/School Relations*; Presented at the Early Childhood Education Summer Institute, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

### **Additional Panels/ Sessions/Workshops Conducted**

(2006, August 4). “*Guiding Learners Through Literacy Development*”. Presentation to Project Upward Bound Faculty and Staff at Paine College, Augusta, GA.

(2006, August 5) “*Guiding Learner Through Critical Thinking*”. Presentation to Upward Bound Faculty and Staff at Paine College, Augusta, GA.

(2006, June 22) – Presented “*Doing Your Best*” Workshop for the Afternoon Enrichment Program held at Old Storm Branch Baptist Church in Clearwater, SC.

(2005, April 28). “*Guiding Learners Through Literacy Development*”. Presentation to Project Upward Bound Faculty and Staff at Paine College, Augusta, GA.

(2005, June 16) “*Guiding Learner Through Critical Thinking*”. Presentation to Upward Bound Faculty and Staff at Paine College, Augusta, GA.

(2003, February) - *All You Need to Know About College and More*; Presented to students at the 2003 USCA Teacher Cadet Conference.

(2002, February) - *Black History Month*; Speaker at Leavelle McCampbell Middle School.

(2002, April) - *All You Ever Wanted to Know About College and More*; Presented to students at the 2002 USCA Teacher Cadet Conference.

(2002, July) - *Reaching Your Goals*; Presented to students attending the Summer Enrichment Program at Friendship Baptist Church.

(2001, January) - *Say What? Listen and Learn*; Presented to Aiken County Public School Cadets/USCA Teacher Cadets.

(2001, July) - *In My Life, If It's Going To Be, It's Because of Me*; Presented to students attending the Summer Enrichment Program at Friendship Baptist Church.

(2001, December) - *Making a Difference*: Keynote Speaker Aiken-Barnwell Regional HeadStart Training Program, Aiken, SC.

(2000, January) - *Using Listening Skills to Enhance Literacy Development*; Presented to Aiken County Public Schools/USCA Teacher Cadets.

(2000, July) - *Believing in Yourself*: Presented to students attending the Summer Enrichment Program at Friendship Baptist Church.

(2000, August) - *Welcome Back: A Back to School Orientation for Parents and Students*; Presented at Friendship Baptist Church, Aiken, SC.

(1999, February) - Reliving *the Movement* Panelist; Sponsored by the African American Students' Alliance, University of South Carolina Aiken, Aiken SC.

(1999, February) - *Black History Month Awareness* Panelist, North Aiken Elementary School, Aiken, SC.

(1999, July) - *Achieving is Believing*, Motivational Workshop; Presented to students attending the Summer Enrichment Program at Friendship Baptist Church.

(1999, August) - *Preparing for the Millennium: A Back to School Orientation for Parents and Students*; Presented at the First Annual Aiken County Concerned Educators Conference.

(1999, November) - *Educational Issues*. (V. Tyler and Dr. Frank Roberson, Associate Superintendent of Instruction for Aiken County Public Schools); Program aired on radio station WZAK with Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Irvin.

(1997, March) - *Testing Preparation*; Conducted workshop at Leavelle McCampbell Middle School, Graniteville, SC.

(1997, October) - *Title One Expectations*; Presented to the faculty of Leavelle McCampbell Middle School. Graniteville, SC.

(1997, December) - Facilitator for language arts topics of discussion at the Aiken County Middle School Teachers' In-Service, Langley, SC.

(1996, March) - *Testing Strategies*; Presented to the faculty of Leavelle McCampbell Middle School, Graniteville, SC.

(1996, February) - *Grant Writing Tips*; Conducted workshop at Leavelle McCampbell Middle School Graniteville, SC.

(1995, March) - *Grant Writing Tips*; Presented to the faculty of Gloverville Elementary School, Gloverville, SC.

(1995, June) - *Meeting their Needs*; Presented at the Benedict College/Friendship Baptist Church Enrichment Program, Aiken, SC.

(1995, March) - *Increasing Test Scores*; Conducted workshop at Warrenville Elementary School, Warrenville, SC.

(1994, May) - *A Relaxed Approach to Teaching Reading and Math*; Presented at the Faculty and Staff Orientation, Paine College, Augusta, GA.

## **Research**

Author of Grant Proposal for the Friendship Baptist Church Tutorial Program to Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC); \$5,000.00 funded by the US Department of Labor (November, 2002).

STAR – Striving Towards Achievement in Reading, SC Department of Education, 1988-91, \$6,000. Funds from grant were used to improve reading skills of underachievers.

IDEAS – Interesting Discoveries Enhancing all Subjects, SC Department of Education, 1992-93, Grant funds of \$2000.00 were used to improve subject area skills of underachievers.

### **Special Recognition/Awards**

October 31, 2002 - Certificate of Recognition for successful completion of the Eternal Review Team Training; Recognized by the South Carolina Department of Education Division of Professional Development the Office of School Quality.

April 18, 2002 - USCA Faculty Community Service Award-Presented at the Spring 2002 Annual Academic Convocation.

February, 2002 – Certificate of Appreciation from The Sigma Tau Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

October, 2001- South Carolina Year of the Child Hero.

August, 2001- South Carolina Year of the Child Hero Nominee.

June 3, 1999 - Area III High Flyer Award, Administrative Area III Schools, Aiken County Public Schools.

April 25, 1999 - Dr. Abelle Nivens Faculty Member of the Year Award, Sponsored by the Multicultural Affairs and Community Service, University of South Carolina Aiken.

March 17, 1999 - Certificate of Recognition for “Dedication to the African American Students’ Alliance (AASA), University of South Carolina Aiken.

February 23, 1999 - Recipient of the South Carolina School Incentive Award, Recognized by Aiken County Board of Education.

December 8, 1998 - Supportive School of Education Faculty Member, Recognized by the University of South Carolina Aiken Education Majors Club.

October 29, 1998 - Appreciation Award for Service and Dedication to Aiken County Public Schools from Aiken County Concerned Educators.

September 1998 - Faculty Spotlight in Mahogany News, The Official Newsletter of the African American Students’ Alliance, University of South Carolina Aiken.

### **Conference Organizer/Coordinator**

Organized and coordinated *The First Annual Beginning Teachers’ Fair* (November 27, 2001) for all Aiken County Public Schools’ First Year Teachers, University of South Carolina Aiken, Aiken, South Carolina.