

Dr. Comelia L. Walker

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Objective: To transform learning spaces by embodying the institution's mission and vision in my teaching and learning, as well as my personal values and beliefs.

Education

Jackson State University, Jackson, MS April 2018

Bachelor of Science- Mathematics

Jackson State University, Jackson, MS May 2020

Master of Arts in Teaching

Jackson State University, Jackson, MS April 2021

18 Graduate Credit Hours in Mathematics

Mississippi College, Clinton, MS August 2023

Education Specialist in Educational Leadership Administration K-12

Jackson State University, Jackson, MS May 2025

Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Administration

Dissertation: Barriers of Online Skill Builders on Mathematics Achievement from the Perspectives of Rural and Urban K-12 District Administrators

This study explores the barriers K-12 district administrators face in implementing online skill-building tools to improve mathematics achievement, comparing insights from both rural and urban school settings.

Experience

City of Canton, Mississippi 2025

Candidate for Mayor

- Launched a community-focused mayoral campaign, missing victory by just 43 votes in a highly competitive election.
- Built a coalition of civic leaders, faith-based organizations, small businesses, and youth advocates.
- Led fundraising efforts including a grassroots "\$5 for Canton's Future" initiative, securing broad public support.
- Managed strategic planning, policy development, communications, and public events to promote key campaign issues: educational equity, economic development, and civic engagement.
- Received endorsements from high-profile leaders including Rep. Bobby Rush, Mayor Truly, and community organizations.
- Maintained community visibility through public speaking, volunteerism, and advocacy initiatives.

Millsaps College, Jackson, MS 2023

Student Success Coach

- Foster persistence and completion by maintaining a caseload of first time in college and transfer of students.
- Develop and implement procedures for intake, monitoring, and assessment of student progress in accordance with college guidelines.
- Conduct one-on-one coaching meetings with students to develop and integrate habits of personal and academic success through strategies focusing on developing skills in goal setting, creating academic plans, preparing for tests, utilizing individual learning styles, time/stress management, financial literacy, and career exploration.
- Track the advancement of provided services through intentional assessment and evaluation.

Canton Public Schools, Nichols Middle School, Canton, MS 2021-2023

Instructional Coach| Attendance Clerk| Test Coordinator| Mathematics Department Chair

- Work with teachers to improve the quality of their lessons and the quality of students' education.
- Maintain the students' attendance records.
- Plan, manage, and execute the test process, within planning and budgeting at the right quality, for at most one test level.

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- Serve as a consultant to math teachers and school administrators in the development and implementation of math curricula and special math programs.

Jackson State University, Jackson, MS 2021

Retention & Withdrawal Officer

- Assist freshman students in developing an educational plan and strategies to improve student success.
- Monitor and provide intervention to students in need of support to enhance their academic success by utilizing mentoring, advising, and available technology and tracking systems.
- Coordinate group learning activities to promote student success and to foster a sense of belonging for students particularly those who are experiencing academic difficulties.
- Outreach to students who have left JSU without a degree and aid help them achieve degree completion.
- Assist students with the university withdrawal process.

Jackson Public Schools, Callaway High School, Jackson, MS, 2018-2021

Algebra I, Algebra II, & Algebra III Educator

- Maintenance of just and courteous professional relationships with pupils, parents, staff members, community members and others.
- Maintenance and improvement of my efficiency and knowledge of developments in my fields of work through research, if applicable, and continuing professional development.
- Transaction of all official business with the properly designated authorities of the school system.
- Assist pupils developing the passion and skills for becoming lifelong, 21st century learners.

Tougaloo College, Jackson, MS, 2018-2021

Mathematics Tutor, Upward Bound Program

- Tutor high school students in Mathematics that attend Callaway High School who have an academic need, fall either within the economic or first-generation guidelines set forth by the U.S. Department of Education, to further assist with their success.

Jackson State University, Jackson, MS, 2017-2020

Graduate Assistant of Disability Services and ADA Compliance

- Attend class with assigned student and take notes for that student.
- Proctor exams.
- Assist student with lab class.
- Provide clerical assistance.
- Secure and administer exams.
- Communicates with faculty and students to schedule.
- Maintains integrity of the exam process
- Facilitates distribution and retrieval of documents.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Madison County Justice Court, Canton, MS 2017

Summer Worker

- Prepare notices for Civil Suits and Court appearances.
- Serve as receptionist.
- File court records by case number.

Madison County Board of Supervisors, Canton, MS, 2015

Summer Worker

- Send certified mail on property taxes.
- Serves as receptionist.
- Create Zoning chart through Microsoft Word.

Honors, Awards, and Affiliations

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- NCBW (National Coalition of 100 Black Women), Scholarship Recipient 2014
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated, Tau Phi Zeta Chapter of Canton, MS, Scholarship Recipient 2014
- DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution), Scholarship Recipient 2014
- Superintendent Scholarship Recipient 2014
- 100 Black Men of Jackson, MS, Scholarship Recipient 2014
- Nissan Topre, Scholarship Recipient 2014
- Jackson State University Salutatorian, Scholarship Recipient 2014
- NEA (National Education Association – Student Program) - Member 2014
- EOLT (Essence of a Lady Tiger) - Member 2014
- NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) –Member 2014
- Pre- Alumni Council- Member 2014
- EXTREEMS-QED (Expeditions in Training, Research and Education for Mathematics and Statistics through Quantitative Exploration of Data) Scholar-2014
- Progress in Integrating Technology in the Teaching and Learning of Mathematics at HBCU's Scholar- 2014
- Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society- Member 2015
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Lambda Beta Chapter- Member 2016
- Miss Jackson State University 2017-2018
- Finally First Mentorship- Founder 2017
- Grand Marshal- City of Canton Christmas Parade 2017
- Spirit of the Court, Thee I Love Awards Recipient 2018
- Senior Most Likely to Give Back to JSU, Thee I Love Awards Recipient 2018
- Accomplishment Award Recipient 2018- Beta Alpha Chapter and Upsilon Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Alpha Alpha Psi Zeta Chapter- Member 2019
- STEM STARS (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematic Scholars Teacher Academy Resident System) Scholar- 2019
- U.S. PREP (University- School Partnerships for the Renewal of Educator Preparation) Scholar- 2019
- Teacher of the Year, Callaway High School- 2019
- Tom Joyner Foundation, Scholarship Recipient 2019
- Madison County Coordinator, Senate District 21- Senator Barbara Blackmon- 2019
- Madison County Coordinator, Central District Transportation Commissioner – Commissioner Willie Simmons- 2019 & 2023
- Transition Committee Member, Central District Transportation Commissioner Elect- Willie Simmons- 2019
- Chamber of Commerce, Canton, MS- Member 2019
- Staff of the Month, Nichols Middle School- October 2021
- Self-Published Author of *Self Health Release Journal*- 2022
- Staff of the Month, Nichols Middle School- March 2023
- NACADA Member- August 2023
- NACADA Region 4: Proposal Reader- September 2023
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Tau Upsilon Zeta Chapter- Member 2023
- NASPA Black Diaspora Knowledge Community Fall HBCU Symposium Presenter- November 2023
- Canton Garden Club- Member 2023
- NACADA Presenter Region 4/7 Conference- February 2024
- Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society- Kappa Phi Chapter- March 2024

- The Janet R. Langley Award for Excellence in Academic Advising Recipient- May 2024
- BE Mississippi's Key to the Community Award Honoree- July 2024
- NACADA Micro credential- Introduction to Academic Advising- July 2024
- NACADA Micro credential- Advising First Generation Students- September 2024
- Athletic Director Search Committee Member, Millsaps College- Fall 2024
- NACADA Micro credential- Advising Undecided & Exploratory Students- October 2024
- NACADA Micro credential- Career Advising- December 2024
- Best of Mississippi Community Engagement of the Year Award- April 2025
- Mississippi Hall of Fame Inductee- April 2025

Expertise

- Microsoft Office
- Networking
- Social Media
- Community Engagement
- Organization
- Data Analysis & Assessment
- Equity & Inclusion
- Collaborative Leadership

References

Available upon request.