



LEANNA L. PEARSON

EDUCATIONAL LEADER

EDUCATION

Howard University

August 2020 - Present

Doctor of Education (EdD) in Educational Leadership & Policy Studies

St. John's University

June 2018 – May 2020

Master of Education in Secondary Special Education

Mills College

January 2016 – May 2018

MBA/Master of Arts in Educational Leadership

New York University

September 2010 – May 2012

Master of Music in Classical Voice & Opera

Advanced Certification in Vocal Pedagogy

Spelman College

August 2006 – May 2010

Bachelor of Arts in Music

WORK EXPERIENCE

The DC State Board of Education (DC SBOE) – Policy Fellow

February 2022 – Present

- Conducts research to support elected officials.
- Drafts resolutions and ceremonial resolutions on behalf of SBOE.
- Supports Assessment & Accountability efforts between DC SBOE and OSSE to meet federal ESSA requirements.
- Utilizes teaching and teacher leader experience to support the Teacher Practice Committee engage Community Partners & Universities in training new teachers.

The AnBryce Foundation – Program Manager

April 2021 – February 2022

- Managed the operations, development, coordination, and execution of all Foundation programming.
- Identified and supervised special outreach projects, including the mentoring program and newsletter.
- Developed and nurtured collaborative partnerships with community organizations and vendors
- Identified strategies for academic improvement and implement assessment of students.
- Created and established curriculum for various programs.
- Utilized Project Management tools (Asana) and Customer Success tools (Salesforce.)
- Developed program policies and procedures
- Recruited, hired, trained, and managed staff.
- Served as a member of the Advisory Council.

PROFILE

Advocate, Analyst, Consultant and Educational Leader seeking to disrupt and dismantle injustice and policies that negatively impact the most marginalized. Focused on issues impacting Black & Brown communities: Civics, Civil Rights, Education & Social Justice.

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MEMBERSHIPS

Junior League of Prince George's County

- Community Service Committee
American Educational Research Association

- Division L (Policy) - Graduate Student Committee Outreach Chair

National Alumnae Association of Spelman College – Lifetime

National Urban League
Management Leadership for Tomorrow

Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity

Girl Scouts of the USA – Lifetime

HONORS

2022 – Leaders of Color NY Cohort

2022 – DC Board Leadership

Academy Fellow

2022 – Urban Leaders Fellowship DC Cohort

2020 – 2021 HU Graduate Assistantship

Golden Key International Honour Society

2020 & 2021 CUNY School of Labor

Civic Engagement & Leadership

Development Series

Howard University – Graduate Assistant

September 2020 – May 2021

- Served as Program Coordinator of new Teacher Residency Program in partnership with DC Public Schools.
- Scheduled and managed the logistics weekly training sessions.
- Facilitated relationships with external partners to support pre-service teacher development.

NYCDOE – Brooklyn Institute for Liberal Arts Special Education Teacher

September 2018 – June 2020

- Taught US Government
- Co-Taught Global Studies, US History & Living Environment
- Developed and implemented rigorous unit plans, assessments, and lesson plans for Inclusion Classroom Teaching (ICT).
- Differentiated instruction for students with multiple disabilities to achieve success with the general education curriculum.
- Managed a case load of 25 special education students by writing and arranging annual IEP meetings.
- Recommended services and tools to assist student success.
- Tracked individual student's progress and learning needs through assessment, adjusted lesson plans accordingly.
- Led coordination of Paraprofessionals in classroom instruction.
- Participated in weekly professional development, grade-level meetings/activities, and school wide meetings and functions.
- Mentored new teachers as apart of NYC Men Teach.

New York City Teaching Collaborative – Special Education Teacher

January 2018 – June 2020

- Received a Transitional B certification to teach Secondary Special Education in Grades 7-12 from St. John's University.
- Completed field training serving high-need and low-income populations at Spring Creek Community School.
- Facilitated ICT and General Education instruction for 11th Grade US History and 9th Grade English & Living Environment.

Boys Hope Girls Hope NY – Director Summer Enrichment Academy

May 2017 – September 2017

- Served as the chief program administrator.
- Ensured the academic program complied with legal, financial, and organizational structure of the non-profit organization.
- Supervised and appraised the performance of staff.
- Evaluated student progress in the instructional program
- Encouraged, supervised, and maintained auxiliary services and uses community resources to supplement program.
- Established and disseminated information about disciplinary policies and procedures to parents, students, staff, and community.

Blueprint Schools Network – AmeriCorps Math Teaching Fellow

March 2017 – June 2017

- Assisted 6th graders in setting and reaching academic goals.
- Observed, monitored, and assessed students' performance on a regular basis and recorded data to track student progress.
- Planned daily and weekly lesson plans utilizing curriculum.
- Prepared instructional activities to support students in mastering specific academic skills and subject matter content.
- Collaborated with classroom teachers and Coordinator to ensure tutorial lessons are aligned with classroom instruction.
- Aided in student score increases on the SBAC ranging from growth of 50-400 or more point.

New York University – Adjunct Professor of Voice

August 2010 – June 2012

- Taught voice lessons to undergraduate and graduate students across NYU schools.
- Encouraged healthy vocal technique and singing to students.
- Instructor of private voice, basic musicianship, and theory on an individual basis to approximately 18 - 25 students a week.
- Provided Stern School of Business students with vocal techniques to maintain healthy voice with presentations and speeches.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

New York NAASC – Recruitment Chair

August 2019 – December 2020

- Oversaw Recruitment activities for the New York Chapter of the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College (NAASC).
- Attended College Fairs and recruiting events on behalf of Spelman College.
- Participated and coordinated virtual recruiting events & activities because of Covid-19.

Generation Citizen – Democracy Coach Frick Impact Academy

August 2017 – December 2017

- Taught 7th grade students about US Civics with the Generation Citizen Curriculum.
- Guided students to develop action civics project to better their community.

Bay Area NAASC – College Initiatives Chair

January 2015 – December 2017

- Partnered with Bay Area Spelman College Admissions Officer to strategize areas and organizations of focus for recruitment.
- Oversaw Scholarship & Recruitment activities and attended College Fairs and recruiting events within the Bay Area.
- Represented Spelman College in the HBCU Coalition of Northern California.

Management Leadership for Tomorrow – Ascend Coach

July 2015 – July 2016

- Provided mentee with personalized guidance, support, encouragement, advice, and problem-solving support.
- Created semester-by-semester roadmap for how to successfully navigate the college experience
- Navigated and encouraged exploration of resources designed to help mentee realize academic potential and career preparation.

BUILD – E1 Freshman Mentor Met West High School

August 2015 – June 2016

- Supported high school students in under-resourced communities to develop and launch their own businesses.
- Coached student team through design ideation, prototyping, pitching to funders, marketing and selling of their final product.
- Taught students' fundamental business and life skills such as presentation, networking, and relationship development.