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**CURRENT POSITION** Owner/President  
Professional Development Services, LLC (PDS); an educational and small  
business consulting company

### EARNED DEGREES

Ed. D. University of Alabama, 1986 (Educational Leadership/Special Education  
Administration  
Auburn University Montgomery, 1980 (Certification in Psychometry)

M. ED. Alabama State University, 1974 (Early Childhood Education/Special Education)

B.A. Stillman College, 1972 (Physical Education/Psychology)

Post Doctorate Studies University of Alabama, 1989

Post Graduate Studies University of California at Riverside, 1980

Leadership Academy Hampton University (Road to the Presidency)

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2009 – 2010 (Retired) Associate Dean, School of Education  
Auburn University Montgomery, Montgomery, AL

1994 - 2008 Head/Professor, Counselor, Leadership, & Special Education,  
Auburn University Montgomery, Montgomery, AL

Fall Semester 2002 Research Sabbatical

1998 - 2010 Principal Investigator, South East Regional Resource Center,  
Auburn University Montgomery, Montgomery, AL

1992 - 1994 Director/Associate Professor of Minority Recruitment,  
Auburn University Montgomery, Montgomery, AL

1984 - 1992 Leadership and Management Specialist, State Department of Education  
Montgomery, AL

1982 - 1984 Head of the Division of Education, Talladega College, Talladega, AL

1980 - 1982 Research and Teaching Assistant, University of Alabama,  
Tuscaloosa, AL

1976 - 1980 Educational Consultant, Auburn University Montgomery, AL

1972 - 1976 Instructor of Education, Clanton, AL, Huntsville, AL

**3. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES**

Unitary Status Desegregation Case Facilitator Roanoke City schools  
Statewide Superintendent Evaluator PEPE System  
External Federal Program Evaluator  
External Evaluator for Personnel PEPE System  
SIG External Program Evaluator  
Assigned by State Superintendent of Education to Wilcox County Schools Superintendent 's 'Office  
Green County Board of Education, School Board Workshop  
Wilcox County Board of Education Improvement Plan  
Sumter County Schools, System Wide Improvement Plan  
Lowndes County Schools, System Wide Improvement Plan  
Fairfield City School  
Daleville City Schools  
Selma City Schools  
Anniston City Schools  
Eufaula City Schools  
Macon County Schools  
Pickens County Schools  
Shelby County Schools  
Huntsville City Schools  
Clark County Schools  
Washington County Schools

**4. Special Appointments/Awards**

2013- Awarded by the State of Alabama Department of Education the School Intervention  
2010 Appointed to the School Superintendents of Alabama and Alabama of School Boards  
Task Force for conducting Superintendent Evaluations and Searches  
2010 Appointed to Partners in Education Board of Directors of Montgomery  
2010 Presented a House Senate Resolution from the Alabama State Senate for *Outstanding Leadership in Education*  
2010 Awarded recognition for *38 Years of Services to Education* by the School Superintendents of Alabama

**5. Administrator Educational Training Activities**

Personnel Evaluation Training Session  
Selma City Schools  
Phenix City Schools  
Lowndes County  
Talladega Area Training Session  
Anniston Area Training Session  
Birmingham Area Training Sessions  
Auburn Area Training Session  
Chilton County Schools  
Dallas County School

**6. Current Professional & Academic Memberships**

School Superintendents of Alabama (SSA)  
Phi Delta Kappan  
Council For Leaders in Alabama Schools (CLAS)  
Alabama Council for Special Education Administrators  
Alabama Association of Professors of Educational Leadership (APPEL)  
Kappa Delta Pi Educational Honor Society  
Alabama Council for School Administration and Supervision

## 7. **Current Non-Teaching Professional Assignments and Activities**

Gift of Life Foundation/President 2001-2003  
Montgomery Mayor Visioning Task Force, 2000 - 2003  
President, Alabama Association of Professors of Educational Leadership, 2001-2002  
President, Leadership Montgomery, 1998 - 99  
Children with Attention Deficit Disorders (CH.A.D.D.)  
Alabama Council for Teacher Educators (ALACTE)  
AUM 25-Year Anniversary Committee  
Montgomery County School Advisory Board  
President, Children Center – 2000 – 2001  
Chair of the Board of Trustees - First Baptist Church, Ripley St.

## 8. **Publications**

Dyal, A. Carpenter, L. Wright, J. "Assistive Technology; What Every School Leader Should Know" Education Volume Number Fall 2008

Young, C. Manning, J., Wright, J.V., Laster, J. "Establishing an E-Mentoring Relationship" Journal of The Research for Minority Professors Volume 11, Number 1 Winter 2009

Wright, J.V, Young, C. Austin, S. Manning, J. "What Instructional Leaders should know about instructing students: Particularly African American Students". Journal of Research for Minority Professors Volume 11, Number 1, Winter 2009

Wright, J.V. (2008). An Analysis of Secondary School Principals' Perceptions of Multicultural education: An example of survey research. In C. A. Mertler & C. M. Charles (Eds.), *Introductions to Educational Research* (6<sup>th</sup> ed., pp. 237-242). Boston: Allen and Beacon.

McCray, C.R., Wright, J.V., Beachum, F.D., "Beyond Brown: Examining the Perplexing Plight of African American principals". Instruction Psychology Fall 2007P

Wright, J.V., McCray, C.R., Beachum, F.D., "An Analysis of Secondary School Principals' Perceptions of Multicultural Education". Volume 125, Number 1 Fall 2004.

Wright, J.V. Young, C., & Laster, J. (2005). "Instructing African-American Students". Education. Volume 125, Number 3.

Reynolds, G., Wright, J.V., & Beale, Elizabeth "The Role of Grandparents in Educating Today's Children" Journal of Instructional Psychology Vol. 30, 2003

Lett, D., & Wright, J.V. "Psychological Barriers Associated with Matriculation of African American Students in Predominantly White Institutions. Journal of Instruction Psychology Vol. 30, 2003

Wright, J.V. (2002). "Regions Three Regional Resources Center." In R. Orkwis, J. Decarme, & J. Glover, Technical Assistance, Dissemination, and Parent Information (CEC Publication R5393 pp.101) Washington, D.C., U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education.

Young, C. & Wright, J.V. "Mentoring: The Components for Success" Journal of Instructional Psychology, Vol. 28, 2001.

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Wright, J.V., Meadows, R.B., & Dyal, A.B. (Aug., 1998). "Preparing Educational Leaders Through the Use of Portfolio Assessment: An Alternative Comprehensive Examination". Journal of Instructional Psychology, 25(2), 94-99.

Wright, J.V., Morton, R.C., Beale, B. (Fall, 1997). "Including the Multicultural Student With ADHD in the Regular Classroom". *Attention*, 4(2).

Wright, J.V. (1995). "Multicultural Issues and Attention Deficit Disorders". *Learning Disabilities Research and Practice*. 10 (3).

Wright, James (Spring, 1994). "Minority Career Opportunities In Early Childhood Special Education" Center for Minority Special Education. 2(3).

Wright, J.V. (April, 1994). "Multicultural Issues and Attention Deficit Disorders" Council for Exceptional Children

Bishop, H.L., Essex, N., Wright, J.V. (Submitted 1993). "Overcoming the Evaluation Dilemma: The Keys to a Successful Teaching Career"; *Today's Education*

Wright, James V. Training of ECEH Personnel and Minority Recruitment, (October, 1993). "The Directory of Selected Early Childhood Programs 1992-1993", Published by The National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System. pp.146

Wright, J. Reeves, R., Walker, R., Welch, A., Spessard, M. Farrar, D. (April, 1993). "Attention Deficit Disorder: Identification, Programs, and Interventions "Participants Manual", The Council for Exceptional Children.

Schifani, J., Essex, N., Wright, J.V. (1992). "Attention Deficit Disorder: A Growing Legal Problem for Educators"; *The Administrator's Notebook*; XXXV (1991-1992), p 1-4.

Improving the Effectiveness of School Administrators in Alabama: The Task Force For Achieving Excellence in School Administration (1989).

Alabama Career Incentive Program Specialty Areas Field Test Observer's Manual (1987)

Alabama Career Incentive Program Observer's, Evaluator's & Coordinator's Manuals (1987)

ALABAMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TRAINING DOCUMENTS: Compiled/co-authored by J.V. Wright and others, 1987.

Wright, J.V. (1986). School Morale and Reading Achievement of Learning Disabled Emotionally Conflicted and Educable Mentally Retarded Students. (Doctoral Dissertation, University of Alabama, 1987); *Dissertation Abstracts*,141, 47-08A.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER DOCUMENT: Developed by J.V. Wright, Auburn University Montgomery, 1980.

Regional Resource Monitoring and Project Management Guidelines,1980.

**9. OTHER EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES**

Developed and served as primary coordinator of Shared Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership between Auburn University and AUM, 2000-2010

**State of Alabama Reviews**

Chaired	Mobile College	1994
Team Member	Jacksonville State University	1986
Team Member	Alabama A & M University	1985
Team Member	University of Alabama	1985

### **SACS Reviews**

Member	Morris Brown College	1999
Member	Barbara Scotia College	1980
Chaired	Sumter County High School	1986
Co-Chaired	Prattville High School	1986
Co-Chaired	Georgia Washington Jr. High School	1997

#### **10. Funded Research/Grants**

AUM, South East Regional Resource Center (U.S. Department of Education), 1998-2010; \$19.1 million dollars Funded, U.S. Department of Education State of Alabama Training / MEGA Conference for 1999; \$232,971 Funded

United States Office of Education, ECEH Grant 1992 - 1997; \$500,000 Funded.  
DeWitt Wallace Readers Digest 1997 - 2000; \$200,000 Funded

DeWitt Wallace Readers Digest 1993 - 1997; \$600,000 Funded

State of Alabama Education Training Grants 1995 - 1996; \$250,000 Funded

Consultant, Kellogg Foundation Grant

Alabama Special Education (SIG) Grant \$20,000 – 2002

U.S. Department of Education Supplement \$270,000 - 2002

#### **11. Awards**

Alpha Brown Outstanding Statewide Special Education Award, 2005

Alabama Association of Professors of Educational Leadership (AAPEL) Dedicated Service Award, 2001-2002

Mordecai Johnson Educational Leadership Award, 2002

Stillman College Youth Motivation Task Force, Dedicated Service Award, 2000

Stillman College Outstanding Service Award, 1995

Dedicated Service Award, State Department of Education, August 1992.

Five Year Distinguished Service Awards, State Department of Education, September 1990.

Education Award, February 2002

National Boys & Girls Club of American Service Award, 2005

#### **12. Special Appointments**

Alabama Post Secondary Education Strategic Planning Task Force 2008

Auburn University Montgomery; Diversity Commission, 2006

Governor's Task Force on School Leadership, 2005

Governor's Black Belt Small Business and Education Task Force, 2005

Auburn University Montgomery; Southern Association Executive Committee

Praxis Standard Setting Committee, 2005

#### **13. Boards**

Partners in Education Board of Directors 2010

President Boys & Girls Clubs of Montgomery 2009-2010

Baptist Health Board of Directors

Chair, Gift of Life of Montgomery; 2000-2001

President, Children Center of Montgomery Advisory Board, 1999 - 2001.

President, Leadership Montgomery, 1998 – 1999.

Advisory Board, Alabama Special Education, 1995 – Present.

Advisory Committee; Montgomery County School Magnet Schools, 1995