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ANIMAL CARE CENTER ADVISORY **BOARD**

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Objective

To obtain a position on the Lafayette Animal Shelter and Care Center Advisory Board.

Education

University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education

Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois

National College of Education, Evanston, Illinois

Employment Background

Louisiana HOSA-Future Health Professionals; 501(c)(3) Nonprofit **2018 to Present**
Carencro, Louisiana
Executive Director/State Advisor

Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center **2007 to 2018**
Lafayette, Louisiana
Director of Career & Professional Education

- Developed and coordinated pipeline health career programs
- State Advisor for HOSA-Future Health Professionals
- Supervised department employees

Solis Builders of LA, LLC

2007 to Present
Carencro, Louisiana
Business Owner (currently managed by husband)

- Licensed General Contractor, Custom Homes & Remodeling
- Licensed General Contractor, small commercial buildings

Solis Builders, LLC **1996 to 2007**
Fox Lake, Wisconsin
Business Owner

- General Contractor, Custom Homes & Remodeling

Waupun School District **1996 to 2004**
Waupun, Wisconsin
Teacher
Substitute Teacher

Civic And Volunteer Involvement

▪ Lafayette Women's Chamber of Commerce	2022
▪ Women of Wisdom (WOW)	2022
▪ VITA	2017
Volunteer instructing adults	
▪ Generations Crochet Group	2013 to present
Make items for homeless, and other charities	
▪ HOSA-Future Health Professionals	2012 - 2018
National Competitive Events Committee Chair	
State Advisor Mentor	
▪ Home For The Holidays	2008 to present
Benefit Local Charities	
▪ Habitat for Humanity	2008 to 2016
Board Member & Volunteer	
▪ Acadian Home Builders Association	2008 to present
Member & Volunteer	
▪ Acadiana Animal Aid	2008
Dog walker	
▪ Fond du Lac & Dodge Home Builders Association	2003 to 2007
Member & Volunteer	
▪ Volunteer Youth Bowling Coach	1991 to 1996
Mariner Lanes, Spring Hill, Florida	
▪ Volunteer Youth Bowling Coach	1996 to 2000
Westgate Palace, Fox Lake, Wisconsin	
▪ Suncoast Figure Skating Club	1988 to 1997
Board of Directors Treasurer & Volunteer	

Personal Bio

In the 15 years that I have lived in Acadiana, most have come to know me as the State Advisor for HOSA-Future Health Professionals, but I wear many hats.

Previously, I was an elementary school teacher. When my husband of 25 years passed away suddenly it was necessary to take over as General Contractor in our business of building custom homes. I built homes for many years until I remarried, and my current husband took over building my homes after retiring from Law Enforcement.

In 2006 after visiting my sister in Lafayette and because of the downturn of homebuilding in the north, my husband and I were ready for warmer climates...and we loved it in Acadiana. We found a suitable climate in Lafayette for weather, culture, and friendliness, not to mention building.

Upon arriving in Louisiana, I obtained both my Louisiana Residential and Commercial General Contractor licenses. My husband then took over managing the business, while I went to work for Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center (SWLAHEC). It was at SWLAHEC where I was introduced to the nonprofit world, and found my true passion, working with students and teaching them about health careers through the pipeline programs, as the Director of Career & Professional Education. While holding this position for 11 years, I was also the State Advisor for Louisiana HOSA-Future Health Professionals.

In 2018 and after 11 years, I was passionate about HOSA and it was growing. It became clear that I needed to focus only on that amazing program. I left SWLAHEC and started the nonprofit for the organization I had built: Louisiana HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc. where I am the Executive Director.

This brings me to my current place. After the last two years of COVID and many Zoom meetings and hosting Zoom conferences, LA HOSA continues to grow and also outgrow my workplace in my home. This is a great challenge! I am where I need to be. I partner with some post-secondary schools, universities, and many high schools, health organizations, and health professionals.

In my spare time, I help with our general Contracting business, I love raising African Violets, reading, travel, crochet, and our Chihuahua & Rottweiler. Most of all I love to visit my three children, their spouses, and my grandchildren who all live in other states.

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