



Danny Wilson

Dedicated and innovative Educator, Veteran, and Community Organizer working to help students gain a lifelong love of learning, encourages independent thought, and support administration and colleagues' goals toward social, emotional, and intellectual wellness.

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KEY SKILLS

Technology Integration
Mentorship

Fundraising

Student Motivation

Classroom Management

Creative Questioning

Lesson Planning

Grassroots Local Organizing

Parent + Community Engagement

DEI Specialist

Holistic Wellness

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

C.W. Long Middle School | Atlanta Public Schools

July 2009—July 2014

Algebra and Applied Mathematics Teacher

Selected to be a Model Teacher by Atlanta Public Schools for Georgia State Universities Teacher Residency program for being in the top 5% of teachers in 2011.

Increased math performance results by an average of 28% each year following the state-approved Criterion-Referenced Competency Test.

Developed innovative curriculum and lesson plans to elicit excitement toward learning and facilitated an energetic and engaging atmosphere at Long Middle School.

Organized and maintained the after-school tutorial program, partnering with Clark-Atlanta University and Afterschool Allstars targeting 7th-grade deficiencies.

Developed an award-winning fresh fruits and herb garden for students, families, and neighbors in southwest Atlanta in partnership with local science departments.

Designed a research proposal, "Creating a Desire to Learn," focused on stimulating the intrinsic value of education in urban environments and parental involvement in the educative process, partnering with the College of Education, Georgia State University.

Accepted as a guest speaker at the 8th annual SOURCES of Urban Educational Excellence Conference to deliver a proposal for a research campaign, "Creating A Desire To Learn".

Received a Certificate of Achievement from Principal Dr. Elizabeth Harris in recognition of tenacity, perseverance, and courage demonstrated in 2010.

Coach two groups of students to become District Math Fair Finalists in 2012.

Created District level example lesson plans leveraged by all Atlanta Public Schools middle grades teachers.

Nominated as a Model Teacher Leader for the math department and the entire school for the 2013-14 school year.

EXPERIENCE & INTERESTS

Neighborhood Development

Intercultural Engagement

Organizational Leadership

Social Equity

Racial Solidarity

Eradicating Income Inequality

Historically Under-Resourced Communities

STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS & COLLABORATIVE AFFILIATIONS

*Peace Prep Academy
Westside Works*

Integrity Career Development Center

Atlanta Parks and Recreation Westside Future Fund

*Bellwood YMCA,
The @Promise Center*

Out of Darkness Atlanta Dream Center

Atlanta Mission Beltline Bike Shop

Atlanta Police Department

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Grace Midtown Church | Atlanta, GA

July 2018 — July 2021

Director of Local Missions and Community Engagement

Pioneered and established the Local Missions and Community Engagement department at Grace Midtown Church. Formed, led, and coordinated all missional programs and initiatives to resource the English Avenue neighborhood and the city of Atlanta.

Determined annual rhythms and vehicles for sustainable cultural development.

Equipped, managed, and empowered 24 facilitators, 16 coordinators, and 12 organizers to advocate for the voiceless.

Trained, organized, and facilitated best-in-class experiential forums totaling 200 students over six years, leading to local community engagement.

Conceptualized, developed, and established cutting-edge community integration spaces tailored toward healing racial and social inequity in local neighborhoods and communities.

Advised and influenced the vision, strategy, and language of the Grace Midtown Committee for Racial Solidarity.

Managed and balanced the third-largest budget of more than \$100,000+ (5% of the annual giving), receiving ‘better than expected’ ratings in this category annually.

Served and counseled on the financial support board for international partnerships approving up to \$100,000 (or 5% of the annual budget).

Performed cost savings analysis through critical metrics, including the productivity of assets, content yields, and participation reducing overhead expenses by 30%.

Crafted and executed marketing strategies, including campaigns raising upwards of \$40,000+, benefiting those exiting poverty and joblessness in Westside Atlanta.

Recruited, enriched, and managed relationships with corporate donors and sponsors.

Coached and managed eight seasonal direct reports and interns.

Envisioned and curated cultural affinity spaces for Black/African American and AAPI communities.

Designed and executed several extensive group tours, educational workshops, social events, and grassroots neighborhood initiatives hosting crowds of 100+ attendees.

Curated weekly/monthly published newsletters generating an audience of 900+ subscribers.

STRATEGIC
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COLLABORATIVE
AFFILIATIONS

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The Beloved Community Incorporated

English Avenue Neighborhood Association

Friends of English Avenue Incorporated

Participant Media + America to Me

OneRace

English Avenue Vine City Ministerial Alliance

City of Refuge

Focused Community Strategies

The National Center for Civil & Human Rights

RELATED EXPERIENCE *cont...*

Organized COVID-19 Pandemic relief campaigns and distributed \$12,000 in donations to deliver groceries/hygienic supplies and assist with utility bills for at-risk individuals and families in English Avenue.

Developed and maintained strategic relationships with legacy residents of English Avenue and over 20 local organizers, schools, and organizations in the neighborhood.

Training Sergeant - Division Special Troops Battalion | United States Army | Fort Drum, New York

March 2005–September 2009

Led as Senior LAN (Local Area Network) Manager and Command Post Platform Team Leader for the Network Support Company, providing 24-hour tactical single-channel and LAN communications support.

Administered installation, repair, operation, and QA maintenance of communication software and hardware.

Managed an accountability system and process responsible for \$1.5M in equipment and inventory.

Received Three Army Commendation awards for exceptional service while assigned as a Team Leader in support of the Multi-National Division-Center during Operation Iraqi Freedom, for extraordinary and meritorious service as a Retransmission Team Member of tactical expertise under a secure network, and for achievement in ensuring the success of the civil-military coordination conference held in the International Zone, Baghdad.

Received Army Achievement award for outstanding service as the Senior LAN Manager for the Data Support Team, in support of the Network Support Company and exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity in active federal military service.

EDUCATION

**South Carolina State University (HBCU) | Bachelor of Arts
Computer Science and Information Technology**
Orangeburg, South Carolina
December 2001

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