



Danny Wilson

Decorated Army Veteran and award-winning educator for Atlanta Public Schools District. Analytical, energetic, and detail-oriented organizer with 20+ years of community engagement and leadership experience. Passionate about the existence and welfare of children and families in historically under-resourced communities.

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KEY SKILLS

Urban Restoration

Grassroots Local Organizing

DEI Content Curation

Facilitator

Trainer/Teacher

Budget Management

Establishing & Maintaining Volunteer Culture

Mentorship/Discipleship

Fundraising

RELATED 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 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

EXPERIENCE & INTERESTS

Neighborhood Development

Intercultural Engagement

Organizational Leadership

Social Equity

Racial Solidarity

Eradicating Income Inequality

Historically Under-Resourced Communities

Dignity Serves Trainer and Facilitator

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

RELATED EXPERIENCE

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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

Organized COVID-19 Pandemic relief campaigns and distribution of \$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

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Algebra and Applied Mathematics Teacher | Atlanta Public Schools | Atlanta, Georgia

July 2009—July 2014

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 state-approved Criterion-Referenced Competency Test

Developed innovative curriculum and lesson plans to elicit excitement towards 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.

STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS & 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

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

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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 Finalist 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 entire school for the 2013-14 school year.

Engineered a Team-Level Classroom Data Tracker for the 8th-grade community math department enabling students to see individual levels of mastery on all CCGPS standards and associated work samples for students remediation

Sergeant of Training Enlisted in Division Special Troops Battalion | United States Army | Fort Drum, New York March 2005—September 2009

Lead 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, QA maintenance of communication software and hardware

Managed 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

Fuller Seminary | Master of Arts
Intercultural Studies
Pasadena, California
September 2020-Present

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