DONNA H. OLIVER, PH.D.

PRESIDENT

Chief Executive Officer

Accomplished professional with a diversified background in higher education administration; experience and success in fund raising, teaching, academic and student affairs administration, program development, accreditation leadership and facilitation, and public speaking; possesses strong leadership, communication, student, and institutional advocacy skills; strong emotional intelligence; has demonstrated an outstanding record of teaching, service, and leadership; maintains a broad knowledge and understanding of contemporary issues in post-secondary education; demonstrates effective interpersonal, communication, and decision-making skills; consistent significant accomplishments as teacher, scholar, and executive level administrator. Experience in and appreciation for a shared governance environment. ***Core competencies include:***

- Fund Raising and Institutional Advancement
- Federal and State Legislative Lobbying
- Academic Departmental Leadership
- Student Affairs Administration
- Program and Regional Accreditation
- Organization & Prioritization
- Faculty and Staff Training & Motivation
- Program & Curriculum Development
- Budgeting & Resource Allocation
- Employee Recruitment & Retention
- Strategic & Tactical Planning
- Research & Development
- Internal Control Assessment

EDUCATION, CREDENTIALS AND LICENSURE

Certificate, New Presidents Academy, 2009 – American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) – Stowe, Vermont

Certificate, Institute for Educational Management (IEM), 2004 – Harvard University Graduate School of Education – Boston, Massachussetts

Certificate, Management, 2001 – University of North Carolina at Greensboro Bryan Business School - Greensboro, North Carolina

Ph.D., Curriculum and Teaching/Curriculum and Instruction Specialist III, 1995 – University of North Carolina at Greensboro, - Greensboro, North Carolina

M.S., Educational Administration, 1987 – North Carolina A&T State University – Greensboro, North Carolina

M.Ed., Biology/Curriculum and Instruction Specialist I & II, 1978 – University of North Carolina at Greensboro – Greensboro, North Carolina

A.B., Biology, 1972 – Elon College– Elon, North Carolina

North Carolina Education Certification/Licensure in Biology 9-12, Curriculum and Instruction Specialist levels I, II, and III; Administration, Principal's Certificate – Licensed through 2012

Certificate, Gifted and Talented Education, 1978 - North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina

Certificate, Biotechnology, 1981 – University of Maryland Eastern Shore

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY, ITTA BENA, MISSISSIPPI

President (January 1, 2009 – present)

Serves as chief executive officer on a daily basis overseeing 639 employees, a student body of 2800 and manages a $58 million budget; works in close collaboration not only with the Mississippi Commissioner of Education and the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) Board of Trustees, but also with a wide range of internal and external constituencies to provide overall leadership and direction for the University; fosters and builds upon the existing strengths and traditions of the University and provides the personal and professional leadership necessary to guide the University's future course while nurturing the human and financial resources of the University. Works to advance the University's role and standing in higher education throughout the world. In summary, committed to (1) providing dynamic, innovative, and energetic leadership with vision, excellence and integrity to advance the mission of the University and build upon its strengths while ensuring both student access and academic excellence; (2) promoting the efficient operation of the University; and (3) administering the University in accordance with the policies and procedures established by the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, and state and federal laws applicable to an institution of higher education.

Selected accomplishments:

- Increased sponsored research funding from $9 million to $12 million the first year in the position.
- Increased alumni giving by 2% in one year achieving the largest singular one time alumni gift in the history of the University.
- Increased lobbying efforts to achieve the largest legislative bond award in the 61-year history of the University in 2011 and the third largest bond award in the history of the university in 2010.
- Increased campus lighting, surveillance cameras, and oversaw the development and implementation of a campus emergency preparedness plan to improve campus safety and security, including the installation of an emergency response system, "First Response."
- Established first ever MVSU partnership with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4.
- Overseeing construction repairs, renovations and expansion of the library; academic skills building; two residence halls; cafeteria; health, physical education and recreation building renovation and basketball arena; and the football stadium.
- Appointed the first ever University Sustainability Committee and launched the "*Go Green 2012"* initiative which involves electronic recycling of cell phones, lap top computers, ink cartridges and other electronic equipment and using funds raised to provide textbook scholarships for students.
- Addressed both the House of Representatives and the Senate from the Chamber Floor in support of University funding and longevity.
- Managed a 15% budget cut in state appropriations without reducing the number of faculty and or staff while maintaining the delivery of a quality education to students.
- Oversaw the inaugural opening of three new distinctive and outstanding academic initiatives: the Mississippi Valley State University Men's College, the Mississippi Valley State University Mini Medical School, and the Adult Accelerated Degree Program in Organizational Management in partnership with Education Strategy.
- Oversaw the inaugural Mississippi Valley State University "Green & White Day" at the state capitol.
- Currently leading a strategic planning effort, "The Valley Renaissance," to position the University for a future of distinction, uniqueness and longevity.
- Served as a SACSCOC reviewer on both an off-site committee and an on-site committee for four regional universities.
- Oversaw the MVSU SACSCOC reaffirmation process and submission of the Compliance Certification Report, September 12, 2011 and the Quality Enhancement Plan submitted February 10, 2012.

EDWARD WATERS COLLEGE, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs (June 9, 2007- December 31, 2008)

Served as chief operating officer on a daily basis and executive officer in the absence of President; directed up to eight senior administrative staff and guided/directed operations organization-wide; oversaw daily operations of the College. Developed and implemented systems to strengthen each division to ensure attainment of defined strategic goals aligned with mission statement and philosophy. Composed speeches for president and high-level correspondence; developed reports for accrediting agencies and other groups; oversaw internal publications to ensure accuracy and professionalism.

Selected accomplishments:

- Served as President's and organization's representative at events, conferences, and meetings of organizations including, but not limited to, the Jacksonville Urban League, Jacksonville's College/University Presidents Meetings, and the Edward Waters College National Alumni Association Annual Meeting.
- Served as Chief Academic Officer providing leadership and administrative oversight for Baccalaureate level programs serving a diverse student body of 800+ students.
- Responsible for managing a $7 million educational and student services budget.
- Supervised 56 full-time and 10 part-time faculty, eight administrators, and 15 support staff in academic affairs including admissions, the library, the Registrar, and Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness.
- Worked with faculty members to ensure all governance and policy initiatives of the institution's collective bargaining agreement were adhered to in an effort to ensure a harmonious working relationship between the administration and the Faculty Senate.
- Served as Chair of the Academic Council.
- Planned and chaired Monthly Faculty Meetings.
- Chaired the Senior Staff and Executive Management Team Meetings in the absence of the President.
- Reviewed and edited all reports of the College before publishing or disseminating.
- Staffed Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Sub-Committee for the College.
- Accompanied President and Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Fundraising and Friend-raising appointments/meetings to make presentations on the Academic Vision and priorities of the College.
- Established 9 partnerships with other colleges/universities and or agencies since June, including the University of Florida Dental School, War on Poverty Florida, Inc., and Oberlin City Schools.
- Served on the First Coast Scholars Advisory Board of The Schultz Center, Jacksonville, FL.
- Chaired and directed the EWC Presidential Inauguration Committee and inaugural ceremony, respectively.

BENNETT COLLEGE FOR WOMEN – Greensboro, NC, 1989 to 2007

VP FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS / CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER / PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION (2002 to 2007)

Initiated development and oversee implementation of strategic and tactical plans for achieving the goals of the college. Led academic program planning and development within and across disciplines. Carried out key responsibilities for ensuring academic quality, promoting diversity, overseeing recruitment, and supporting faculty enrichment.

Selected accomplishments:

- Supervised and directed up to nine academic administrators including the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, three Academic Division Chairs, the Library Director, the Registrar, Academic Computing Director, the Director of International Affairs and Global Studies, and the Executive Director for the NSF HBCU-UP Program.
- Guided/directed the academic program; served as chief academic officer on a daily basis and executive officer in the absence of President and Executive Vice President.
- Developed and implemented systems to strengthen each academic division to ensure attainment of defined strategic goals aligned with mission statement and philosophy.
- Composed speeches and high-level correspondence for the President relative to the academic program
- Developed reports for accrediting agencies and other groups (SACS, NCATE, CSWE, and the United Methodist Church).
- Oversaw internal division publications to ensure accuracy and professionalism.
- Initiated development of and oversaw implementation of strategic and tactical plans for achieving the goals of the college.
- Led academic program planning and development within and across disciplines promoting interdisciplinary experiential education.
- Carried out key responsibilities for ensuring academic quality, promoting diversity, overseeing recruitment, and supporting faculty enrichment.
- Researched and guided the development of institution's Intellectual Property Policy.
- Developed and published the Academic Affairs Operating Manual including a chapter on Policies and Procedures.
- Coordinated and implemented general education curriculum and assessment faculty committee to conduct annual assessments and ensure an interdisciplinary liberal arts core curriculum.
- Motivated faculty to increase grant writing initiatives, resulting in more than $1 million in grants and gifts annually in two years and a total of $11 million received in grant funding over a three year period.
- Worked in conjunction with Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs to develop and implement a Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology, which is a comprehensive innovative program built on strengths-based education providing academic support services to students and faculty that resulted in decreasing the student academic probation rate from 24% in 2002 to 4.6% in 2006.
- Spearheaded a year-long study on best practices for establishing a Women's Studies Program, resulting in the development of a concept paper used for funding and the establishment of national advisory and local steering committees to guide the work; achieved Ford Foundation funding in the amount of $250,000 for the establishment of the program.
- Established the Distinguished Faculty-At-Large, a group of renowned faculty members to present seminars and lectures for students and work with faculty on curriculum development and research projects.
- Led Global Studies Program Faculty Steering Committee in developing and executing global studies program with a study abroad component.
- Increased the number of faculty with terminal degrees from 70% in 1998 to 83% in 2005-2006.
- Assisted Africana Women Studies Director and Womanist Religious Studies Director in organizing, planning, and implementing the first Africana Women Studies and Womanist Religious Studies National Summit.
- Worked to create partnerships, cooperative and dual degree programs with other colleges and universities such as Williams College, Duke University, St. John's University, Howard University, NC A&T University, and Life University in areas of nursing, engineering, pharmacy, chiropractic medicine, and law.
- Oversaw the planning and implementation of the first Phi Beta Kappa Couper Scholar Lecture Series.
- Worked with Associate Vice President, Library Director, and faculty to develop and implement Information Literacy across the curriculum; achieved a $250,000.00 grant award from the Melon Foundation working with the Executive Vice President and Library Director.

- Collaborated with Science Division Chair and faculty to implement computational science across the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) curriculum after receiving a $2.5 million grant award from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and served as the Principal Investigator for the project.
- Staffed the Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee.

VP FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS & STUDENT DEVELOPMENT (2001 to 2002)

Administered, supervised, developed, and evaluated educational programs. Coordinated course offerings, scheduling, classroom utilization, and other various matters related to educational programs. Oversaw student affairs and enrollment services; planned, implemented, and evaluated annual goals and objectives to increase student retention and diversity, oversaw and contributed to the development of college-wide learning outcomes, and encouraged the success of the students; and initiated activities in support of the academic and student-centered mission of the college. Developed and conducted workshops and educated all constituencies in both academic and student affairs about the accreditation process and the role of each group in ensuring success in this process. Developed and monitored division and department operational planning system, and ensured adoption of and adherence to effectiveness practices.

Selected accomplishments:

- Oversaw the organization and implementation of the first joint Academic and Student Affairs Leadership and Research Symposium, in which students and faculty from across the Triad presented research and panel discussions on leadership and the role of research in the academy; achieved publication of student research abstracts.
- Led the revision and update of the Student Handbook.
- Oversaw the implementation of Living and Learning Centers in each residence hall.
- Compiled, analyzed and disseminated information critical to identifying areas for improvement across all academic divisions and departments using data to drive change.
- Ensured the accuracy of data distributed by academic affairs and student development.
- Staffed the Board of Trustees Academic Affairs and Student Development Committees.
- Worked with the Director of Athletics to oversee fund raising activities for renovating the gymnasium.
- Oversaw the revitalization of student activities increasing the number and quality of planned activities.

VP FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS (1998 to 2001)

Provided dynamic and innovative leadership of all academic programming. Supervised 10 direct reports and 75 indirect reports. Reported directly to the Provost. Served as educational advisor to the President on matters related to academic affairs. As Chief Academic Officer, directed the academic life of the college, as well as set its academic tone and goals. Rendered leadership for institutional strategic planning. Fostered student success in curricular and co-curricular programming. Recruited and recommended potential employees for hire.

Selected accomplishments:

- Demonstrated dedication to life-long learning by making continuous improvements to curriculum in an effort to meet the ongoing educational needs of existing and future students.
- Chaired the Academic Council responsible for recommending academic policy.
- Organized the first Faculty Development Committee and wrote a proposal to fund the faculty development activities. Proposal submitted to Bush-Hewlett and funded at $100,000.00
- Planned and facilitated the Opening Fall Faculty and Staff Institute annually.

- Developed reports for accrediting agencies such as SACS, NC State Department of Public Instruction, and NCATE and disseminated data to federal and state agencies as required.
- Represented Bennett College on the Governing Board of a five-college library and telecommunications consortium.

DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES (1996 to 1998)

Led 30 faculty and staff members in four academic departments comprised of Business and Economics, Curriculum and Instruction, Dietetics / Nutrition and Clothing / Fashion Merchandising, and Social Work / Sociology. Carried out overall leadership in areas of planning, program-specific accreditation, budgeting, and allocating resources within the Division.

Selected accomplishments:

- Developed and instituted first-ever Division handbook.
- Facilitated a vision-building workshop for all college faculty members.
- Orchestrated the successful continuing accreditation process for the Teacher Education, Dietetics, and Social Work programs. Supervised program revisions to meet accreditation standards established by the National Council of Accreditation for Teacher Education (NCATE), the American Dietetics Association (ADA), and the Council of Social Work Educators (CSWE).

DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF EDUCATION AND CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (1995 to 1996)

Managed the Education Division, which offered seven teacher education majors. Directed planning, budgeting, and resource allocation. Supervised and mentored seven coordinators, each responsible for a different major program.

Selected accomplishments:

- Oversaw the development of a technology-focused curriculum for all teacher education courses.
- Initiated research and planning for a grant to hire an instructional technology specialist for the Division, which was funded in 1996 by the Lilly Foundation and the position was filled.
- Served as NCATE and Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Coordinator for the continuing accreditation of the Teacher Education Program, which received continuing accreditation and state program approval through 2003.
- Led the update of teacher education contextual framework and knowledge bases. Facilitated training sessions for faculty and staff on the Teacher Education Program.
- Selected as Chairperson of the Bennett Scholars Program.

DIRECTOR OF TEACHER EDUCATION AND ACTING CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SECONDARY AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (1991 to 1995)

Managed Teacher Education and Secondary and Professional Education programs, including supervision of eight staff and faculty members.

Selected accomplishments:

- Wrote Teacher Education Policies and Procedures Handbook.
- Designed an early field experience program.
- Published a Pre-Professional Practicum Guide for teacher education majors that was viewed by state educators as a model for teacher development. The program is currently in operation today.
- Developed The Professional Educator, the first handbook to be implemented within the department.
- Co-organized documents room for the first NCATE and DPI program approval visit. Served as coordinator for the Department of Public Instruction Program Approval Process. Achieved NCATE accreditation and DPI program approval for all programs.
- Appointed Chairperson of the College-wide Curriculum Committee.
- Served on the North Carolina Professional Teaching Standards Commission—appointed by former NC Governor Jim Hunt
- Appointed to serve on the NC Teacher Education Program Approval Committee.
- Served as a member of several state accreditation teams reviewing teaching education programs throughout NC.
- Chaired state accreditation teams for the NCATE/DPI accreditation process.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF TEACHER EDUCATION AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION (1989 to 1991)

Hired by college to direct, coordinate, supervise, and evaluate the early field experience and student teaching experiences. Organized student teacher placements and student / cooperating teachers' orientation. Maintained candidates for professional licensure data required by the State Department of Public Instruction.

Selected accomplishments:

- Coordinated first on-campus Cooperating Teachers' Orientation Program.
- Pioneered the first on-campus Student North Carolina Association for Educators (SNCAE) organization and served as initial advisor.

Additional Employment:

ELON COLLEGE (now Elon University) – Elon, NC,
Associate Professor of Education; Assistant Director of the Leaders for the 21st Century Program

BURLINGTON CITY SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES – Burlington, NC,
Teacher Observer & Evaluator for Three Public Schools, K-12
North Carolina Teacher of the Year (1986)
National Teacher of the Year (1987)

BURLINGTON CITY SCHOOLS, CUMMINGS HIGH SCHOOL – Burlington, NC
Biology / Chemistry Teacher; Science Department Chairperson

ALAMANCE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, GRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL – Graham, NC
Biology Teacher

ACTIVITIES & AWARDS

Recent Professional Activities

- Mississippi Nature Conservancy Board of Directors, 2012
- NCAA HBCU Advisory Committee, 2011
- Elon University Teacher Education Advisory Council, 2011
- President, Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities, 2010-2011
- Chair, Mississippi Delta Think Tank, Composed of Mississippi Delta Universities, Community Colleges, Legislative Representative, and Governor's Office Representative, 2010-present
- Ex-Officio Vice Chair, Delta Council Education and Health Policy Committee, 2010-present
- Mississippi Education Achievement Council, 2010-present
- Vice Chair, Mississippi Delta Health Alliance, 2009-2011
- MVSU Strategic Planning Committee, 2009-2012
- Chair, SACSCOC Reaffirmation Leadership Committee, 2009-2012
- Chair, MGT Committee, Edward Waters College, 2007-2008
- Strategic Planning Committee, Edward Waters College, 2007-2008
- Chair, Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Leadership Committee, Bennett College, 2006-2007
- Reaffirmation Leadership Committee Member, Bennett College, 2006-2007
- New York University Faculty Resource Network Liaison for Bennett College, 1998-2006
- Elon University Board of Visitors, 2005 -2008
- Member of the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Regional Screening Committee, 2004
- Alamance-Burlington Schools, Joint Oversight Facilities Committee, Research Team Leader 2002-2003
- Chair, NC-Piedmont Automated Library Systems Governing Board of a five-college library and telecommunications consortium, 2002-2004
- Vice Chair, NC-Piedmont Automated Library Systems Governing Board of a five-college library and telecommunications consortium, 2000-2002
- Chair, Academic Affairs Strategic Planning Committee, Bennett, 2003
- Strategic Planning Committee Member, Bennett, 2003
- Canterbury School Board, Chair, Education Committee, 1999-2002
- Tarheel Triad Girl Scout Council Board of Directors 1995-2001
- Science 2001 Consortium Project PRESS Multimedia Teacher Training Advisory Board, 2001
- National Commission for Cooperative Education, 1998
- North Carolina Professional Teaching Standards Commission, served three two-year terms, 1994-2000
- NC Governor's School Board of Directors, 2 Terms, Vice Chair-1 term, 1991-1997
- Natural Science Center Advisory Board, 1996
- NC Zoo Advisory Board (1994-1996)
- Editorial Projects in Education (Publisher of Teacher Magazine and Education Week), Board of Directors, 3-year appointment, 1988-1991
- National Advisory Task Force for U.S. Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander's America 2000, 1991
- National Research Council, Committee on Life Science (High School Biology) 1991-1992
- State Technology Advisory Board for Teacher Education programs 1990
- Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Board 1988-1990
- State of North Carolina Transition Team for State Superintendent of Public Instruction Bob Etheridge, 1988-1989
- United States Department of Education Joint Conference Planning Committee (FIRST and FIPSE) 1989

- First NC Biotechnology Teachers Advisory Board, Secondary Education Project (3 year appointment) 1988
- White House Commission for a Drug Free America, 1987, Appointed by President Ronald Reagan
- White House Commission for Presidential Scholars, 1987, Appointed by President Ronald Reagan
- The Public School Forum Board of Directors, 1986-1988
- NC Congress of Parents and Teacher Board of Managers 1986-1987
- NCDPI Professional Review Commission, 1986-1987
- North Carolina/Wachovia Bank Principal of the Year Selection Committee, 1987
- North Carolina Teaching Fellows Advisory Board 1986-1989
- Career Ladder State Steering Committee, 1986
- Task Force on Excellence in Secondary Schools, 1985, Appointed by Governor Jim Martin
- North Carolina Legislative Commission for the Basic Education Plan 1983-87, Appointed by Governor Jim Martin

Community Service:

- Speaker for numerous Church Sponsored Programs in Mississippi, North Carolina, and Chicago, 2009-present
- Greenwood Leflore Rotary Club, 2011- present
- Read to Kindergarten Students in Local School System during National Reading Month, 2009, 2011
- Coahoma Community College Opening Faculty Staff Institute Keynote Speaker, 2010
- Mid-Delta Community Development Corporation Board of Directors 2010-present
- Mississippi Voters League Annual Banquet Keynote Speaker, 2010
- American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) Professional Development Committee, 2010-present;
- American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) College Readiness Committee, 2010-present
- Mississippi Economic Council, 2009-present
- Greenwood Leflore Chamber of Commerce, 2009-present
- Greenwood Leflore Rotary Club Luncheon Speaker, 2009
- Black History Speaker, Chambers Mississippi Middle School, 2009
- Alamance County Habitat Advisory Board (5 years)
- Alamance County Habitat for Humanity Carpenter's Club
- Alamance County Coalition Against Drug Abuse Board of Directors (2 years)
- Canterbury School Board Member, Education Committee Chair (3 years)
- Elon Homes For Children Board of Directors, Finance Committee Member (2 3-year terms)
- Tarheel Triad Girl Scout Council Board of Directors (6 years)
- Alamance County Educational Endowment Board of Directors (1 year)
- Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Board (2 years)
- Memorial Hospital Cancer Education Advisory Board (2 years)
- Alamance/Caswell Hospice League Fund Raiser (1 year)

Achievements, Honors and Awards:

- UNC-G School of Education Distinguished Alumni Award, 2011
- Elon University Black Alumni Association Alumni of the Year Award, 2011
- Selected as President of the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities, 2011-2012
- Who's Who in Black Mississippi Inaugural Edition, "Most Influential Leaders," 2010
- Interviewed and Featured on the cover of ***Diverse: Issues in Higher Education***, August 19, 2010,

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- MVSU Staff Council Leadership and Service Award, 2009
- First African American Female to Lead a Public University in the State of Mississippi
- Excellence in Education, Project Soaring High, 2006
- Outstanding Service and Dedication to the College Community, Student Government Association, Bennett College, 2006
- Bush-Hewlett Scholar, Harvard University, 2004
- Alamance Burlington Martin Luther King Coalition Outstanding Educator Award (2002)
- Appointed to North Carolina Professional Teaching Standards Commission by former NC Governor Jim Hunt (1994 – 2000)
- Keynote speaker for Elon College's newly renovated School of Education Dedication Ceremony (2000)
- NAACP Outstanding Educator Award (1999)
- Elon University's African American Resource Room Wall of Fame (1997)
- Featured profile in *Chronicle of Higher Education* (January 28, 1995); recognized in article as a "proselytizer for teaching."
- Member of the United States Department of Education National Advisory Task Force for U.S. Secretary of Education, Lamar Alexander's America 2000 (1991)
- Member of the official U.S. Department of Education delegation to China, Taiwan, Taipei; lectured and presented motivational speeches to teachers, students, college students and government officials (1988)
- Selected by the National Science Teachers Association to participate in the Biology Institute at the University of Maryland sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the Honors Biology Teacher Workshop at Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts, 1984
- Appointed to the White House Commission for Presidential Scholars and White House Commission for a Drug Free America by President Ronald Reagan (1987)
- Lecturer and consultant at the American School in Madrid, Spain (1987)
- Howard University's Outstanding African American Woman of Achievement (1987)
- Elon College's Young Alumni of the Year Award; First African American Recipient (1987)
- University of North Carolina-Greensboro, Distinguished Alumni Service Award, 1987
- National Teacher of the Year; received Crystal Apple Award for Teaching from President Ronald Reagan; selected among 2.5 million K – 12 teachers (1987)
- Presented Arkansas Traveler Award by Governor Bill Clinton (1987)
- North Carolina Teacher of the Year (1986)
- Appointed to the Task Force on Excellence in Secondary Schools by Governor Jim Martin (1985)

Sample Presentations and Workshops Conducted

"And Still We Rise: Women as Leaders in Higher Education," Women in Higher Education Mississippi Network (WHEMN) Annual Conference, Gulfport, Mississippi, March 4, 2011.

"No Turning Back, Engaging In the Valley Renaissance: A Transcendence of the Familiar Moving Towards A Posterity of Imminent Promise," Inaugural Ceremony Address, September 12, 2009.

"Choices, Not Chance Determine Your Destiny," Mississippi Valley State University Opening Faculty and Staff Institute, January 9, 2009.

"Creating a Purposeful Community for Excellence in the Academy," Edward Waters College Opening Faculty and Staff Institute, August 16, 2007.

"The Moral Dimensions of Teaching," Edward Waters College Faculty and Academic Support Staff Development Day, August 17, 2007.

"New Academy and Learning Communities," Paper accepted for Presentation, Annual Meeting of The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), New Orleans, December 2007.

"Assessing Programs and Courses Effectively" Bennett College for Women, Faculty & Staff Development Workshop, January, 2005, 2006.

"Unfinished Business," Martin Luther King Annual Breakfast Celebration, Alamance-Burlington, sponsored by the MLK Coalition, January 21, 2003.

"Being A Professor," Panelist and Discussion Leader, New York University Faculty Resource Network Annual Liaisons Meeting and Symposium, San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 21-24, 2002.

"Creating Total Quality Schools," Alamance-Burlington Public Schools Principals and Central Office Administrative Staff, Opening Retreat, 2001.

"Unforgettable Moments In The History of African American People: The Springboard for Success in the 21st Century," Martin Luther King Celebration, Saginaw, Michigan, sponsored by the City's Human Relations Committee and the local chapter of Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, Incorporated, January, 2000.

"Building Educational and Political Bridges for the 21st Century," Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, Incorporated National Annual Meeting, July, 1999.

"Building Literacy Through Community Partnerships," America Reads Conference, Orlando, Florida. Sponsored by SERVE, 1998.

"Standards for Teachers in Diverse Classrooms," Cary, NC, National State Standards Conference, 1998.

"Vision Building for the 21st Century," Workshop conducted for Bennett College faculty, 1997.

"Creating Successful Schools: Through The Eyes of African American High School Seniors," National Association of Multicultural Educators (NAME) Conference, St. Paul, Minnesota, 1996.

"Effective Habits of Successful People: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," NC A&T State University Leadership and Development Seminar Series for new students, October 24, 1996

"Education Is Still the Key," Lees-McRae College Black History and MLK Commemorative Celebration, January 30, 1996.

"Teaching and Professing," Bennett College Faculty and Staff, Defining the Teaching Professing Roles of Faculty, 1995.

"Emancipatory Pedagogy for the Empowerment of Culturally Oppressed Students," Lincoln University, Omaha, Nebraska; Pedagogy of the Oppressed Conference, 1995.

"Effective College Pedagogy for Diverse Learners," Bennett College Faculty Panel, 1995.

"Building Tomorrow's Schools Today," Summer Leadership V, Sponsored by the Collegium for the Advancement of Schools, Schooling and Education and UNC-Greensboro, June 15, 1994.

"Science Begins with Discovery: Pre-Schoolers Can Do It," Pre-Kindergarten Mathematics and Science Readiness Regional Conference sponsored by the NC Board of Science and Technology, Office of the Governor, December 4, 1993.

"Celebrating Diversity: Teaching to the Multiple Intelligences," conducted for Faculty at Hampton Year Round Elementary School, 1990.

"Back To The Basics: Education, Integrity, Vision, Respect," Annual Human Relations Banquet, 1992, Durham, North Carolina.

"Parents and Teachers Teaming For Student Success," Annual North Carolina PTA Conference, 1991, Charlotte, NC.

"Tips for the 90's: Wake Up, Look Up, Speak Up," Paper presented at the Southern Wisconsin Education In-service Organization's Conference in Madison, Wisconsin and to the North Carolina Teachers of Mathematics Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina, 1990.

"Genetics Investigations for Elementary Education Teachers," Black College Satellite Network Distance Learning, 1990.

"What Parents Need to Know About Homework," NC PTA Conference, 1987.

"Performance Appraisal Training," Burlington City Schools, 1986.

"Effective Teacher Training," Program for Burlington City Schools and Cummings Staff and Faculty, 1985.

"Biotechnology Workshop," Burlington City Schools Science Teachers Grades 7-12, 1984.

"Classroom Organization for Effective Teaching (COET) for Cummings High School Faculty and Staff, 1980.

"Classroom Discipline and Management in a Science Laboratory Setting," District 9 NCAE Workshop, 1979.

"Motivating Students," NCAE District 4 Conference, 1987.

Research and Publications

Oliver, Donna H. (2010). *One Goal, One Valley*. Valley Voices. Mississippi Valley State University. Itta Bena, MS. (Indexed by the *MLA International Bibliography and* EBSCOHost. Member: Council of Editors of Learned Journals (CELJ) and Council of Literary Magazines and Presses (CLMP).

Oliver, D. H. (1995). Give *Me A Chance, I Want To Learn: Narratives of African American High School Seniors' Orientations Toward School.* Dissertation.

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Oliver, D. H. (1992). *Is Thinking/Problem Solving Domain Specific for Biology Genetics Problem Solving?* Unpublished paper presented at UNC-G School of Education Faculty Meeting.

Oliver, D. H. (1991). A Study of the Need for Undergraduate Teacher Education Programs with an Integrated Multicultural Education Curriculum. Research Paper Presented at UNC-G Annual Teacher's Forum.

Oliver, D. H. (March/April, 1988). *My Philosophy of Teaching*. The Black Collegian Magazine.

Oliver, D.H. (September, 1987). *True Partnerships Yield True Excellence.* Pro Education Magazine.

_____. *The Condition of Being An Educator.* (1986-1987) Public School Forum Research Team.

Fund Raising & Grants Administration:

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

In three years achieved $19.2 million in legislative bond awards.
Working with Institutional Advancement Interim Executive Director and the MVSU Foundation Board raised $1,661,254.00 in 13 months (July 1, 2009 –August 15, 2010).

Working with Inauguration Committee raised $30,000.00 for student scholarships.

Working with Institutional Advancement Interim Associate Vice President solicited individual donor to renew gift for $500,000.00 to University.

Working with MVSU Local Alumni Chapters and the Interim Executive Director of University Advancement raised $111,500.00 in one year for athletic programs.

Achieved largest one time, single gift from an alumni in the 61-year history of the university - $100,000.00.

EDWARD WATERS COLLEGE

Student Academic Support Services Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Program ($198,000.00 duPont Foundation Grant Award), Co-author

BENNETT COLLEGE

Authored and coauthored grants totaling $7+ million, including:

NASA Mathematics, Science, and Technology Awards Program ($450,840 NASA grant) – Principle Investigator;

Learning Communities (300,000.00 FIPSE Grant Award);

Faculty Research Fellows Award Program ($380,000.00 Congressionally Directed Grant Award) – Principle Investigator;

Teacher Education Project Soaring High ($1,000,000.00 Congressionally Directed Grant Award);

Africana Women's Studies Program ($250,000.00 Ford Grant Award);

Faculty Development ($100,000 Bush Hewlett Grant Award) – Principle Investigator;

Increasing the number of minorities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics ($2.197M National Science Foundation grant) – Principle Investigator;

Infusing computational science across the STEM curriculum ($2.5M National Science Foundation grant) – Principle Investigator;

Infusing Technology across the Teacher Education Curriculum ($70,000.00 Lilly Foundation) – Principle Investigator;

Secured 30 computers from Lucent Technologies for an instructional technology lab for prospective teachers ($60,000.00 value) – Project Manager.

Professional Affiliations, Past and Present:

- American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU)
- Mississippi Economic Council (MEC)
- Mississippi Education Achievement Council (MEAC)
- Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities (MAC&U)
- NCAA HBCU Advisory Committee
- Association of Chief Academic Officers of the Southern States (ACAOSS)
- National Educators Association (NEA)
- National Association for Multicultural Educators (NAME)
- Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)
- Association for Teacher Educators (ATE)
- North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE)

- North Carolina Association for College Teacher Educators (NCACTE) Executive Board Member
- Phi Delta Kappa
- Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society
- National State Teachers of the Year
- Delta Kappa Gamma

Professional References Available Upon Request