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There's got to be a better way has been a catalyst of my curiosity since college days. I began my formal studies of education with research on human potential and intrinsic motivation as I sought to figure out how to help people be healthy in mind, body, and spirit. This is a lifelong process of attempting to treat each person with unconditional, positive regard while guiding them through difficult situations and away from detrimental habits and attitudes. I have learned that I need to be an active listener and observer, a Socratic questioner, and a creative instigator.

Education

Ed.D. Elementary Education, January 1985, Temple University

- Dissertation: *The Relationships Among Problem-Solving Strategies and Piagetian Levels of Cognitive Development, Sex, or I.Q. for Upper Elementary-Aged Students*

M.S. Early Childhood Education, August 1982, SUNY Cortland

- Concentrated study in language development, content areas, and Piagetian research

B.S. Human Development, May 1973, St. Lawrence University

- Concentrated study in humanistic psychology, religion, and geology
- Taught skiing for physical education classes, co-leader of National Ski Patrol

Experience

- Classroom teacher: grades 3 (Skaneateles), 5 (Onondaga Indian School), 4 & 5 (East Aurora)
- Teacher for remedial math, K-10 (Warsaw)
- Adjunct professor SUNY-Fredonia, SUNY-Buffalo, Daemen College

Honors

Christa McAuliffe Fellow, New York State 1997-98

Graduate Fellowship, Temple University

Dean's List, St. Lawrence University

Community Involvement

Explore & More Children's Museum, founding board member

East Aurora Historic Preservation Commission, chair

Pedestrian & Bicycling Board (East Aurora)

Old Allentown (Pa) Historical Association, president

ACES (Aurorans for Climate and Energy Sense)