



Debbie Silver presents

Introduction of Debbie Silver, Ed. D.

Debbie Silver is truly a “teacher’s teacher!” She is an award-winning educator with 30 years experience as a classroom teacher, staff development instructor, and university professor. Her numerous recognitions include being named the **1990 Louisiana State Teacher of the Year** and the **2007 Distinguished Alumnus** from the College of Education at **Louisiana Tech University**. Along the way she has taught almost every grade level and most every kind of student.

Dr. Silver has been an invited author for several educational journals and has given keynotes at state, national, and international conferences in 49 states, throughout Canada, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. She has been a featured teacher for the *PBS OnLine Teacher Chat* and several online teacher courses.

Debbie is the author of the bestselling book, *Drumming to the Beat of Different Marchers: Finding the Rhythm for Differentiated Learning*. She is co-author of *Because You Teach* and *Middle School Matters*. Songs she co-wrote with Monte Selby are featured on his latest cds. She is married to Dr. Lawrence Silver, and together they have 5 sons.

(Debbie is one of the most popular keynoters and in-service presenters in the United States. Audiences everywhere respond to Debbie's use of humor and sensitivity to remind them of how important teachers are in the lives of children. Through research-based theory, poignant stories, and hilarious characterizations she connects with the souls of all who are involved in education.)

Debbie's books and teaching materials are available from Debbie Silver
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Quotes from Evaluations of Debbie's Presentations

"This was the most inspiring and helpful speaker I have been to in several years. THANKS!"

"Thank you. You can definitely add one more person to the long list of lives that you've touched!"

"I enjoyed both sessions immensely -- great blend of humor and "things to think about." Also, thanks for giving me permission to 'go outside the lines . . .' Your bottom line about caring and encouraging the magic in kids -- YES!"

"Extremely enthusiastic. Great ideas and very innovative speaker."

"Wonderful presenter. Funny, caring, would love to have her for my teacher."

"A presentation like this every couple of months would really keep me motivated! What a gift!"

"The time flew by! Ms. Silver's love for children is contagious, and her people skills are tremendous! I could listen to her all day."

"We need more presenters like Debbie Silver!"

"I wish all staff development activities would be this GOOD!"

"Her energy and enthusiasm were greatly appreciated. She was great! Loved her humor."

"Thanks so much for talking with our teachers. Your message was both inspirational and very humorous. Teachers were laughing and crying -- you made us all take a good look at the way we treat kids and each other. Even your "coaches' jokes" were funny. If you ever need a job, let me know!"

"You were wonderful! I thoroughly enjoyed the presentation you made to our new teachers. You made me laugh, and you made me cry. You also made me want to go back into the classroom!"

"Thank you so much for taking the time to share your secrets with our group today. You have a dynamic personality and a great sense of humor; Teacher-of-the-Year is written all over you!"



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Keynotes, Seminars, and Workshops

Most Appropriate For:

S- Students

T- Teachers

F- Future Teachers

A- Administrators

C- Classified Workers (Support staff, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, custodial staff, secretaries, assistants, etc.)

SB- School Board Members

P- Parents

KEYNOTES

(These can also be presented in a workshop setting.)

Be A Teacher -- Be A Hero! (50 to 90 minutes)

In this presentation Debbie Silver utilizes humor and sensitivity to remind audiences of how important teachers (and other educators) are in the lives of children. Through poignant stories and hilarious characterizations, Debbie connects with the souls of all who touch children. Audience members laugh & cry as reminds them of the value of each and every child in the classroom. (T, F, A,)

Pay It Forward (50-90 minutes)

(Modification of the above presentation for counselors, bus drivers, school secretaries, librarians or other educational support personnel)

In this celebration of educational employees Debbie Silver congratulates those who "go outside the lines" to ensure the best environment for all students. She utilizes humor and sensitivity to remind audiences of how important all the adults in school are in the lives of children. Through poignant stories and hilarious characterizations, Debbie connects with the souls of all who touch children. Audience members laugh and cry as they are reminded of the value of each and every child in the educational system. (A, C, SB)

"Reflections From An Educator Exemplar" (5 to 15 minutes)

In this spoof characterization of a 30-year teacher (a teacher with one year's experience repeated thirty times), *Rhodeena Culsmucker*, expounds on her philosophy of education, "My way or the highway!" She laments her troubles with everyone in education including students, fellow teachers, support personnel, administrators, and of course, the parents. She is the antithesis of all the Debbie extols in effective teachers, and she loves to present a "rebuttal address" to Debbie's "Be A Teacher -- Be A Hero" speech. Laced with Rhodeena's comments about audience members, this comedy routine brings the house down! (This presentation is best when included in one of the other keynotes or workshop sessions.) (T, F, A, C, SB, P)



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Going "Outside the Lines" (1 to 3 hours)

This keynote (or workshop) addresses how to engage students from all backgrounds and experiences. Relevant, applicable teaching strategies for reaching previously disenfranchised learners are modeled. Researchers tell us that educators should no longer ask about students, "How smart are they?" but rather, "How are they smart?" Debbie discusses how to incorporate students' competencies into curriculum planning and assessment. Participants are engaged in classroom activities designed to help students construct their own learning. Loads of illustrations and ideas! Dr. Silver demonstrates an approach that engages learners and helps them hone their critical thinking skills. (S, T, F, A, C, SB, P)

The Art and Heart of Teaching (1 to 3 hours)

In this presentation Dr. Debbie Silver utilizes humor and sensitivity to remind audiences how important teachers are in the lives of children. She demonstrates how to engage all types of learners in the classroom. Her belief is that all children have gifts, and teachers hold the important key for getting students to "open them." Audiences laugh and cry as they are reminded about the value of each and every child in the classroom. Participants leave with loads of new ideas for creative instructional and assessment strategies. (T, F, A, C, SB, P) *(This keynote is a blend of "Be a Teacher -- Be a Hero," "Going Outside the Lines," and "Reflections of an Educator Exemplar.")*

Workshops

NEW! Basic Training in Differentiated Instruction (1 or 2 hours)

Ready to start differentiating instruction but don't know where to start? This session offers a quick overview of the basics of D.I. and tips for beginners and intermediates in implementing a student-centered program. Strategies, examples, and resources will be presented and discussed. Bring your questions. (T, F, A)

"Calgon, Take Me Away!" A Stress Management Workshop for Educators (1 to 3 hours)

The physical and psychological costs of stress can undermine our health, our sense of well-being, our spiritual growth, and our interpersonal relationships. This workshop offers proven techniques that can be used to deal with stress and burn-out. Humor, role-playing, and anecdotes are used to illustrate how anyone can reduce and manage unwanted stress. Learn to laugh, love, and live a more satisfying life. (T, F, A, C, SB, P)



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Cooperative Learning That Really Works! (1 to 3 hours)

Whether they are using flexible grouping or a more traditional cooperative grouping, teachers can maximize student learning with appropriately applied techniques. In this workshop participants work cooperatively on engaging tasks while practicing basic cooperative learning concepts. Specific job assignments, classroom management, grading, and trouble-shooting are modeled and discussed. Teachers have fun while learning how to use cooperative learning to enhance student achievement. Beginners gain confidence to try it, while experienced cooperative grouping managers are reaffirmed and acquire new ideas. *(A special session for PK-3 educators is also available).* (T, A)

NEW!

Desperately Seeking a “Round Tuit”-- Time Management for Educators

(1 – 2 hours)

There is nothing so constant as change and little as challenging as organizing and managing our time in a world of the unexpected. Come and learn about your own psychological strengths and stumbling blocks when it comes to taking control of your schedule. Through proven techniques and insightful anecdotes Debbie Silver will present a step-by-step approach for connecting your individual needs to a system for attaining your life long goals and dreams. Loads of time saving techniques are provided. This workshop tackles the serious business of time management skills with humor and with fun. (T, F, A, C, SB, P)

NEW!

“Do We HAVE to do this?” What Research Tells Us About Student Motivation

(1 to 2 hours)

Do your students often ask the question, “What will you give me for doing this?”? Does that bother you? This session is a must for teachers and administrators struggling with the issue of using rewards as reinforcers as well as the question of how to motivate learners. Dr. Debbie Silver will offer the latest scientific research on implicit personality theory and other information related to student motivation. Participants will laugh, think, and leave with scores of ideas on how to establish a classroom environment that truly facilitates lifelong learning. (T, F, A, C, SB, P)

***Differentiated Teaching and Learning --**

Each of Debbie’s keynotes and workshops is grounded in the mindset and strategies of differentiated instruction. Titles can be modified to reflect this emphasis if that is your preference.



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"Earth to Educator, Earth to Educator, Are You There?" A Workshop About Interpersonal Communication Skills. (1 to 2 Hours)

This general workshop is appropriate for everyone involved in education. It is designed to improve the communication skills of educators in their many daily interactions with others. Dr. Debbie Silver leads audience members through activities designed to enhance the written and verbal communication skills they need for dealing with students, colleagues, administrators, and parents. Goal setting, empathy, listening skills, and interpersonal relationships are addressed. (T, F, A, C, SB, P) *(A special session for administrators, "Earth to Administrator" -- What Teachers Want Their Principal to Know, is available.)*

"Emotionally Intelligent Educators "-- NOT an Oxymoron! (1 – 2 hours)

This session explores emerging brain research on the neurobiology of emotions and its links to learning. Debbie demonstrates applications of classroom strategies designed to foster emotional health and enhance students' ability to learn. Her ideas can be integrated into any grade level or subject discipline. Audience participants receive activities that teach empathy, impulse control, and other fundamentals of emotional competence. The serious business of building "emotional competence" is handled with sensitivity as well as humor.

(T, F, A)

Great Teaching Tips I've Stolen From My Friends (1 to 2 hours)

In this session Dr. Silver mixes her own considerable classroom experience, her background as a university methods professor, her observations as a supervisor of new teachers, and ideas from 100's of her colleagues. Designed as a new teacher in-service presentation it gives neophytes time saving strategies, practical tips, and great ideas to begin their teaching careers. Mixed with both heart and humor this presentation is a wonderful gift for those new to the teaching profession as well as those who wish to be renewed. (T, F, A)

Learning About Learning Styles (1 to 2 Hours)

An excellent workshop for those who need help in understanding the learning styles of others! (*It can be presented with or without the administration of a learning style inventory to audience members.) This workshop is designed to acquaint participants with different learning styles. Participants develop an understanding of the various ways people internalize information. While exploring their own learning styles, they examine how to positively interact with those whose styles are different. Dr. Debbie Silver uses humor, role-playing, and anecdotes, to demonstrate how best to deal with the varied learning styles of students. She presents methods for adapting any lesson to the needs of individual learners.

**If you plan to have participants actually take the Adult Style Inventory, there is an extra charge. The instrument used for this workshop is copyrighted and must be purchased for approximately \$2.30 per participant. For more information see <<http://www.gregorc.com/instrume.html>> (T, F, A, C, P)*

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Lion Taming 101: Classroom Management (1 to 3 hours)

This session is a MUST for new teachers, teachers who are experiencing difficulty with classroom management, teachers who need to be "recharged," or administrators who want to help their staffs work towards being more student-centered. Dr. Debbie Silver offers simple practical helpful tips on everything from how to begin the very first day of school to how to trouble-shoot with disruptive students. Included are tips on student-centered discipline along with basic classroom routines and procedures. Teachers in the session laugh, think, and go back to their classrooms with scores of ideas on how to establish a classroom environment that facilitates learning. *(Also see Workshop, "What Do I Get?")* (T, F, A)

Positive, Proactive Parental Involvement (1 to 2 hours)

In this presentation Debbie Silver explores the dynamics of interpersonal relationships when dealing with parents. Through proven procedures, anecdotes, and humor she reminds participants of basic sensible procedures for dealing with parents. She offers a twist in perspective in that she had five very different sons who went through the public school system with varying degrees of success. Effective management skills are highlighted as well as fundamental techniques for dealing with exacting personal encounters. The importance of professionalism, communication, and compassion are emphasized. *(Debbie also offers a Parental Involvement Seminar specifically designed for parents).* (T, F, A, C, SB, P)

NEW!

A Survival Guide for Teachers of Post Secondary Students (1 to 3 hours)

This seminar is designed for teachers of post secondary students who want to become skilled at engaging both traditional and non-traditional students in the learning process while maintaining a positive classroom environment. Debbie delivers simple, practical tips for both long-term and short term goals. She offers guidelines and tips for immediate solutions to classroom management problems. (T, A)

Teaching and Assessing Through Multiple Intelligences (2 to 6 hours)

In this session Dr. Debbie Silver capitalizes on her background in curriculum and instruction to demonstrate excellent teaching strategies along with appropriate assessment tools. She presents instruction and assessment as "two sides of the same coin." Debbie believes that by capitalizing on student strengths rather than emphasizing their weaknesses, teachers can elicit greater achievement gains and higher motivation among students. She discusses how to give students multiple opportunities to demonstrate what they know and understand. Participants receive classroom activities designed to help students construct their own learning. Loads of illustrations and ideas! (T, F, A)



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“What Do I Get For Doing It?” Using Rewards as a Classroom Management Strategy (1 to 2 hours)

Do your students often ask the question, “What will you give me for doing this?”? Does that bother you? This session is a must for teachers and administrators struggling with the issue of using rewards as reinforcers. It offers practical, helpful tips on how to move towards a system that is more intrinsically based. Participants laugh, think, and leave with scores of ideas on how to establish a classroom environment that truly facilitates lifelong learning. (Also see workshop “Lion Taming 101” . . .) (T, A)

NEW!

Will the Real Teacher Please Stand Up? (1 to 3 hours)

Are you teaching harder and enjoying it less? Do you secretly covet that job as a Wal Mart greeter? Perhaps it is time to explore your unique blend of individual assets and “find your own voice” as an educator. There are many paths to successful teaching, and this session will help both new and experienced teachers reflect on what it takes to make this job personally satisfying and rewarding. Heart, humor, and hand-outs. (T, F, A)

Specialized Topics

***Differentiated Teaching and Learning --** Each of Debbie’s keynotes and workshops is grounded in the mindset and strategies of differentiated instruction. Titles can be modified to reflect this emphasis if that is your preference.

Middle School Topic(s) of Your Choice . . . (1 to 6 hours)

As a former middle school teacher and a university professor of middle school methods, Debbie has a vast understanding of middle level issues. She has spoken to local, state, national, and international middle school organizations across the country, in Europe, in Asia, and in Canada. She can customize presentations to suit the needs of your particular middle school educators. Subjects from which you can choose are characteristics of a true middle school, the nature of a preadolescent, exemplary middle schools, advisory periods, interdisciplinary instruction, teaming, and other relevant topics.

(T, F, A)

Science Topic of Your Choice .(1 to 6 hours)

Debbie presents physical, biological, earth, and health science workshops. She can develop programs from a one-hour workshop to a weeklong course on the topic(s) of your choice. Included with all topics are cooperative learning, laboratory safety, the learning cycle, hands-on learning, and alternative assessment. (T, F)



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For Students

"Finding Your North Star" (1 to 1.5 hours)

In this motivational speech for students, Debbie entertains children while challenging them to make their own dreams come true. Through demonstrations, audience participation, stories, and comedy she involves participants in creative thinking and risk taking situations. Based on a theme by Fablevision's™ Peter Reynolds, the message that comes through loud and clear is that through commitment, courage, and character, students can set their own goals and achieve them. (S)

Science Topics of Your Choice for Students. . . (1 to 1.5 hours)

Debbie presents physical, biological, earth, and health science workshops for students. Through "magic," the learning cycle, and hands-on learning, she can engage and challenge your students to "do" science. She can develop programs from one to two hours on the topic(s) of your choice. (S)



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Selected Recent Conference Presentations

Debbie has presented for local schools, districts, states, regional, national, and international audiences in 49 states, throughout Canada, in Europe, the Middle East, and in Asia.

- **Disney Teachers' Luncheon Keynote. National Middle School Conference. Portland, OR**
- **European League of Middle Level Educators. Feature keynote & presenter London, England**
- **Korea Council of Overseas Schools (KORCOS)-DoDDS Annual Teachers Conference. Featured keynote & presenter. Seoule, South Korea (2 years)**
- **Nordic Network of Middle Schools. Featured keynote & presenter. Stockholm, Sweden**
- **National Association of Secondary School Principals' Luncheon Keynote. Las Vegas, NV**
- **National Educational Computing Conference (NECC). Luncheon keynote. Chicago, IL**
- **National Educators of Technology Society (NETS)/ISTE Conference Luncheon Keynote. New Orleans, LA**
- **National Middle Level Science Teachers Association Conference Luncheon keynote for. Atlanta, GA**
- **NMSA State Affiliate Middle Level Conferences. Keynotes and featured presenter for:** Arkansas, Alabama, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, NELMS, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin
- **State Technology Conferences Keynote and featured presenter for:** Alaska, Arizona, California, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin



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- **Staff Development for Educator Conferences (selected)**
Michigan Grades 3 & 3 Conferences. Lansing, MI
New England Middle Grades Conference, Nashua, NH
New York Conference for Differentiated Instruction. Long Island, NY
National Conference for Differentiated Instruction. Cleveland, OH
National Conference for Differentiated Instruction. Las Vegas, NV
National Conference on Looping, Cleveland, OH
 - *Repeated keynote and workshop presentations for:*
ASCD
California Computer-Using Educators
National Association of Elementary School Principals Conferences
National Middle School Association Conferences
National School Boards Association Conferences
National Science Teachers Association Conferences
Northern Exposure for Middle Level Educators, Frankenmouth, MI
Nuts & Bolts Conferences in Boulder, Destin, and Valdesto
SWEIO. Madison, WI
Traverse Bay Teacher Institute. Traverse City, MI
 - **Science Teacher Training for:**
Arkansas Science Teacher Association, Louisiana Science Teacher Association,
National Science Teachers Association, San Diego Science Teachers' Association
Texas Science Teachers Association.
- Other Selected Presentations:**
- Alberta Initiatives for School Improvement Conference.. Calgary, CN
 - Arkansas ASCD Conference. Hot Springs, AR
 - Arkansas Gifted and Talented Education Conference. Hot Springs, AR
 - Calgary Catholic School District. Calgary, Canada
 - Calgary Middle School Association. Calgary, Canada.
 - Calgary Teachers Convention. Calgary, Canada
 - CEYA Conference. Plateville, WI
 - CCOSA Secretary's Conference. Oklahoma City, OK
 - Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference. Nashua, NH.
 - Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE). Denver, CO.
 - Department of Education Reading Leadership Academy. Charleston, WV.



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- Early Childhood Leadership Conference. Louisville, KY.
- East Mississippi Counselors at East Central Community College. Decatur, MS
- "Gear-Up for Learning" Program. Mesa, AZ
- Johns Hopkins University Academy-UNC. Wilmington, NC
- Kananaskis County Administrators Retreat. Alberta, Canada
- Korean Christian Schools Organization. Seoule, Korea (twice).
- Louisiana Pre-School/Early Childhood Conference. Monroe, LA
- Mantachaban Middle School. Alberta, Canada
- Missouri Association of School Librarians. Tan-Tar-A Resort, MO
- National Conference for Administrators of School Transportation Workers. Charlotte, NC
- National Conference & Exhibition on Transporting Students With Disabilities with PreSchool Populations. Ft. Worth, TX
- National Heritage Academy Conference. Grand Rapids, MI
- New England Drivers' Education Conference. White Mountain, NH
- North Central Teachers' Convention. Edmonton, Canada
- Northern European Schools Association (NESA), Abu Dhabi & Saudi Arabia
- Northwest Council for Computer Education (NCCE) Spokane, WA
- Northeast Central Teachers' Conference. Saskatoon. Canada
- Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators. Columbus, OH
- Oklahoma ASCD Conference. Shangrila, OK
- Palliser Teachers' Convention. Calgary, Canada
- **Sahtu Division Education Council. Northwest Territories, Canada**
- San Diego School Transportation Workers Opening Conclave. San Diego, CA
- **Saskatchewan Middle Level Association. Saskatoon, Canada**
- School Administrators' Workshop. Littleton, CO
- Southeastern States Pupil Transportation Annual Conference. Charleston, WV
- TAIR Reading Conference. Amarillo, TX
- Utah Rural Schools Association. Cedar City, UT



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Debbie's Publication List

Articles:

Silver, Debbie (2004). Summer Institute National Consultant Perspectives. *Association of Illinois Middle-Level Schools Newsletter*, 28 (1). pp. 5 & 10.

Silver, Debbie (2004). More to Teaching Than Tests Can Tell. *The Illinois School Board Journal*, 72, (12). pp 37-38.

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Silver, Debbie (2002). Thinking "Outside the Lines." *Journal of the Massachusetts Computer Using Education* 12,(3). pp 9-11,24-25.

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Books:

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Silver, Debbie, et al. (2006). *Because You Teach*. Incentive Publications: Nashville, TN.

Silver, Debbie, et. al (2007), *Middle School Matters*. Incentive Publications. Nashville, TN.

Other:

Silver, Debbie (2000). Inclusive Teacher Debate (included in) *Successful Inclusive Teaching: Proven Ways to Detect and Correct Special Needs*. Third Edition. Joyce S. Choate, Ed. Allyn and Bacon: Boston, MA, 2000.

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Education:

Louisiana Tech University	Ed. D. 8/99
Louisiana State University Shreveport	M.Ed. 5/86
Stephen F. Austin State University	B.S. 8/75

Teaching Experience:

Louisiana Tech University	Assistant Professor for science education, middle school methods, and multiculturalism. 1999 – 2001.
Louisiana Tech University	Acting Assistant Professor for science education and middle school methods classes, 1998-99
Louisiana Tech University	Instructor and site coordinator for Project Life, a National Science Foundation Program for teachers of life science, 1992-1998
Caddo Parish 1988-92	Middle School Science Classroom Teacher
DeSoto Parish 1971-1988	Classroom Teacher (primarily science)

Dissertation:

Silver, Debbie (1999). *A Study of Teachers' Perceptions About Staff Development Factors and Their Classroom Implementation of Reform-Based Science Instruction*. Dissertation. College of Education, Louisiana Tech University. UMI Dissertation Information Service.

Teaching Honors and Recognitions:

1998-2001	<i>Who's Who Among American Teachers</i>
1992-	Featured in book, <i>Best Classrooms in America</i> , Daniel & Terry Seymour. Peterson's Guides, Princeton, N.J., 1992.
1992-	Named The National Geological Society of America's Outstanding Earth Science Teacher (1 of 19 USA).
1991-	State Awardee of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching (1 of 3).
1991-	KTBS (ABC Affiliate) Winner of the Tri-State "My Favorite Teacher" Contest.
1990-	LOUISIANA STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR
1990-	Winner of Teacher Space Camp Scholarship
1989-	Louisiana Science Teacher Association's Outstanding Science Teacher Award