

**Dawn Allen**

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*“My goal is simple: to ignite a lifelong passion for learning that not just students will benefit from but the global community as well.”*

*“...she challenges her students with high-level critical—and creative—thinking, both through their writing tasks and through their analytical analyses of literature.”*

*Kay Haas, LA Curriculum Coordinator*

**Professional Profile**

Enrich the experience of 21<sup>st</sup> century high school freshmen using a unique combination of education experience coupled with ten years’ business background.

- Earned Master’s Degree in Writing and Bachelor’s Degree in English Education.
- Proficient with Blackboard, Dream Weaver, and educational software.
- Dedicated to enthusiastic and dynamic teaching as a means of creating and nurturing a lifelong love of knowledge in students.
- Committed to improving student writing across the curriculum.

**Education, Honors, and Certifications****• Certifications**

Kansas Education License; 7-12 Certification expires 31 January 2014

**• M.F.A. Writing**

University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE 2008

**• Bachelor of Science, English Education**

Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS 1980

**• Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Member**

**• Nominations/Awards:** Kansas Teacher of the Year 2001; Disney Hand: Creativity in Teaching Award 2006; Who’s Who in America’s Teachers, Safe Home Instructor of the Year Award 1995, Kindest Kansas Citian 2003

**• Grant Externship:** Summer 1996 – Publisher, Advertising Agency, and Communications Department, Engineering Firm

**• Reading in Action Grants:** 1997, 2007

**Key Qualifications**

Certified in Secondary Education (7-12) and English

Utilizes a wide variety of teaching aids, motivational and implementation strategies to engage students in active learning.

Incorporates learning modality principles into classroom and individual instruction. Develops and conducts inter-curricular activities.

Implements technological approaches to academics.

Editor of Literary Magazine *Reflections* (in partnership with the Kansas City Star and Olathe District Schools)

*“Dawn is a creative and dedicated individual who consistently strives to achieve excellence for herself and for her students.”*

Zeny Schmidt, Principal

*Writing is a life skill. Our need for dynamic communication skills is increasing with the multi-media focus of our global community. One thing remains constant: we must have command of language in order to write, in order to communicate across a variety of media.*

### Media Skills

- Fully Integrated Intelligent Classroom
- Software: Microsoft Office Suite
- Blackboard
- Web based media

### Employment

- **Educator**  
Northwestern Oklahoma State University, 2012 -  
Johnson County Community College, 2010 –2012  
Olathe South High School, 2010-2011  
Chisholm Trail JHS Pre-AP English I, 2006-2010  
Wildcat Tales Newspaper Advisor, 2000-current  
Chisholm Trail JHS English I, 2002-2005  
Chisholm Trail JHS Language Arts 7, 2001 – 2002  
Indian Trail JHS English I, Language Arts 7, 1995-2000
- **Substitute Teacher** September 1993 – May 1994  
Olathe School District, Olathe, KS

### Professional Development in Education

#### Curriculum Training

- **Workshop Presenter**  
Writing: Inciting Passion in the Teen Writer 2006  
Archetypes in Literature 2006, 2007  
Journalism 101: Starting a Junior High Newspaper 2003  
Going for Assessment Gold 1998

#### Leadership Activities

- OWFI President, 2014-2015
- OWFI Conference Chair, 2013-2014
- Language Arts Advisory Council, 2006 – 2009
- Designer Pre-AP Handbook, 2006 – 2009
- Directed Spring Production, *No Body to Murder*, 2009
- Designer Wildcat Advisor, 2001-2007
- Writing Committee, 2000-2006
- Writing Committee Chair, 2000-2005
- Building Leadership Team Co-Chair, 2000-2005
- Reading Committee Chair, 1998-2000
- Reading Committee, 1996-2000
- Congressional Youth Leadership Council

### Professional Affiliations

- Phi Kappa Phi
- Journalism Education Association (JEA)
- Kansas Scholastic Press Association (KSPA)
- NEA/KNEA/ONEA – Building Representative, 1999-2002
- Mid West Pen and Ink – 2008 - Present
- Oklahoma Writers’ Federation, Inc., 2009 – Present

- Novel Clique Writers' Group, 1995 – Present

### **Community Affiliations**

- 15 years experience directing and producing church programs
- 10 years experience writing and directing plays
- 10 years participation on creative teams
- United Way – led campaign for six years
- Safe Home Volunteer Tutor – three years

### **Publications**

- *Soft Whispers; A Fly in Amber [Journals]; Once Upon a Christmas, October Nightmares and Dreams and Don't Tread on Me [Anthologies].*
- *Poetry Over Easy* in "First Opinions, Second Reactions" (Purdue University)
- Awards: Pieces placed in Mystery Novel and Nostalgic Prose, OWFI, 2011, Dark Humor Short Story and Young Adult Novel Categories in 2013.