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Urban Specialist Resume

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**Teacher as Researcher Topics of Study:**

Inquiry 1: The Effectiveness of the Co-Teaching model on Standardized Testing

Inquiry 2: Diversity and Community Awareness –Community Mapping

Action Research: Using Silent Sustained Reading to Improve Student Attitude Toward  
Science Reading Content.

Areas of Expertise: Mentoring Preservice Teachers and New Teachers.  
Community Mapping

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Presently in training for Urban Specialist Certification which will equip urban teachers to stay and thrive in the urban classroom.

Active Member of Urban Mentor Board –presently mentoring three University of Tennessee Interns and two new teachers.

Presenter at the Biology Gateway Phase II training for the Knox County Science Teachers In-service 2000-2001.

Member of the Knox County Schools Science Textbook and Curriculum Committee 1999 and 2002-2003

Presenter at the North American Lakes Association Conference at Clemson University March 1999.

Presenter at Tennessee Science Teachers Association Conference 1998.

Adopt-A-Watershed Sponsor 1997-2002.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Fulton High Teacher of the Year 2001-1002

Member of first class of the Urban Specialist Certification Program at the University of Tennessee.2001-2003

Honorable Mention in the Disney Awards 2000

Test Pilot Teacher for Earth Comm a new Earth Science Curriculum for the AGIS.1999-2000

Finalist in the National Science Teacher Associations State Farm Good Neighbor Award.1999

Selected to present at the North American Lakes Association Conference 1999

Twenty-First Century Classroom Teacher 1996

Fulton High Teacher of the Year 1993

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

I am presently enrolled in the Urban Specialist Certification Program at the University of Tennessee. This program is designed to equip the urban teacher with learning strategies, classroom management skills, and knowledge of community resources that will enable her to meet the challenges of the urban classroom. My fellow urban specialists and I have led a Community Mapping In-service that helped the Fulton High Teachers of 2001-2002 to start the year with a better understanding of the Fulton Community. This activity prepared our staff for the Project Grad Walk For Success.

My involvement with the Adopt-A-Watershed Program has enabled me to work with community leaders as well as Fulton business owners, and residents to improve the water quality of First Creek. I am also work with the Earth Flag Americorp group and the

Keep Knoxville Beautiful Program to establish a recycling program for my school. We are recycling mixed paper and newspaper. The money made from this recycling program will fund a greenhouse account to put our greenhouse on line with native plants and an urban garden utilized by our Home Economics students.

The Greenway Coalition is preparing to work closely with our Science staff and student body to build a wildflower trail on our Fulton campus.