

Gretchen H. Walton, J.D., M.P.H.

Personal Statement: *I am an accomplished non-profit professional with 25+ years of experience and a proven track record of exceeding goals in dynamic, complex and competitive environments. My career path reveals a commitment to utilizing my leadership and communication skills, confidence, creativity and relationships to reach innovative results within the public health and administrative nonprofit sector. My strengths include strategic thinking, advocacy, public speaking, policy creation and evaluation, management, networking, educating, mentoring, collaborating, gift solicitation and grant writing.*

Licensure Member of the **Missouri Bar** 2000, Member of the **Texas Bar** 2000

Education **Saint Louis University School of Law**, St. Louis, Missouri.

Doctorate of Jurisprudence Degree and Health Law Certificate awarded, May 1999.

University of Kansas, Medical Center Campus, Kansas City, Kansas. **Master of Public Health Degree with Honors**, December 1997.

Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kansas. **Bachelor of Science in Biology, Minors: Chemistry, Physical Science (Pre-Medicine/Pre-Physical Therapy Curriculum)**, May 1993.

Rice University, Houston, Texas. **Graduate Certificate in Non-Profit Executive Management**, awarded June 2008. In 2009, Co-Instructed the non-profit legal session of this certificate program.

Current Position - **UTHealth University of Texas School of Public Health, Associate Professor in the Department of Management, Policy and Community Health, Director of Community Health Practice; Curriculum Director for Department; Co-Director of Public Health Preliminary Examination; Chair of the Community Health Practice Doctoral Admission Committee for Community Health Practice – 7/18 to present.**

Teaching, Research and Professional Service duties. Areas of interest for research, consultation or collaboration include breast cancer; diabetes; anemia; food insecurity; health care and public health policy at federal, state, local and organizational levels; legal healthcare guidance and consultation; HIPAA; and accountable healthcare community models.

Director of “The Cupboard” the UTSPH student and staff food and resource pantry started in 2022. This pantry provides food and hygiene resources to students and staff in need. All items provided through grants from the Houston Food Bank, The American Heart Association, The Common Market, NOURISH, and the UTSPH Center for Health Care Data. Offer consulting and guidance for the creation of food pantries as needed and requested. Co-Founder and Member of the American Heart Association Food Pantry Collaborative which provides community, education and sharing of resources among pantries in the Greater Houston area. Student Emergency Assistance Fund Director and Committee Member to provide the distribution of emergency funds for students in financial crisis.

Courses taught:

- Management and Policy Concepts in Public Health
- Advocacy in Public Health

- Community Grant Writing
- Legal Issues in Public Health
- Guest Lecturer for various leadership and healthcare management courses regarding non-profit healthcare business and liabilities for healthcare providers

Advise 35+ Masters and Doctoral students

Baylor University Adjunct Faculty Master of Public Health Program 2022-present

Experience **Breast Health Collaborative of Texas (BHCTexas)**, Houston, Texas. **Executive Director.**

10/13 to 7/18. Provide oversight, administrative, legal and financial leadership for a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with over 3,000 individual and organization members across Texas. The mission of the organization is to educate, advocate, navigate, and maximize resources while ensuring access to quality breast health care for all Texans.

- Cultivated over \$500,000 of new dollars for organization from grant writing and fundraising through these and other entities: ***Avon Foundation for Women; The Episcopal Health Foundation; American Cancer Society; and Susan G. Komen for the Cure***
- Raised community awareness and developed business relationships which resulted in financial and in-kind donations through these and other entities:

Genomic Health; Pfizer; Hologic; Cancer Treatment Centers of America; Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas; Patient Advocate Foundation; Ambry Genetics; MD Anderson Cancer Center; Baylor College of Medicine; The Memorial Hermann Healthcare System; HEB; and LIVESTRONG
- Organize and orchestrate the annual preparations for Breast Health Summit, a two-day educational conference with professional speakers on current breast health and breast cancer-related topics with attendance of over 300 and continuing education credits offered for various levels of health care professional and paraprofessionals.
- Preside over and provide guidance on preparation of content for Membership Meetings, monthly newsletters and other educational events hosted or sponsored by BHCTexas
- Host platform for monthly webinar educational series with a cumulative 2500 plus attendees and over 1500 continuing education certificates provided for certified Community Health Workers
- Create policy platforms and collaborators for Bi-Annual Advocacy Day; successful in: **1) *Maintaining a level budget for the continuation of Texas DSHS Breast and Cervical Cancer Services (BCCS) (2013), (2015); 2) *Continuing and maintaining level funding for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) and grant programs (2013), (2015); 3) *Promoting measures to improve the long-term employment feasibility status of Community Health Workers (CHW) throughout Texas (2013); and 4) *Providing a voice to the passing of Texas Palliative Care legislation (Tex. Adm. Code Ann. §351.827, Vernon 2015) which established a council to make recommendations and remove barriers to appropriate palliative care services for Texans.******
- Provide supervision of staff and organization volunteers
- Prepare reporting and communications as needed for Board of Directors

Gretchen H. Walton, P.C., Houston, Texas. **Principal.**

1/08 to present. Legal practice specializing in legal counseling, strategic planning, fundraising, temporary administration, operational assistance, and small litigation matters for non-profit entities. Currently, provide operations and development support to several public and private non-profit entities.

Young Survival Coalition, Houston, Texas. **Director**.

3/07 – 5/11. Provide leadership, direction and structure for local chapter to increase revenue, awareness, education and advocacy in providing consultative services for young individuals diagnosed with breast cancer.

- Prepare, manage and edit various budgets and bills for organized payment
- Plan, promote, and complete fundraising endeavors including foundation and government grants, corporate solicitation, and annual fundraising gala
- Proactive marketing of organization to increase constituent base and expand educational, advocacy and support services
- Provide leadership and oversight duties for a team of breast cancer survivors and volunteers
- Prepare reports, and other correspondence with local Executive Council, National Chief Executive Officer, National President and national organization as required

Powers & Frost, L.L.P., Houston, Texas. **Senior Associate**,

2/02 – 2/07. A mass tort litigation firm with a focalized practice in the areas of asbestos, silicosis and medical device defense.

- Case management and trial preparation responsibility
- Trial support and attendance in South and East Texas Courts
- Argue and attend court ordered hearings, motions, conferences and mediations. □
Prepare for, attend and defend over 700 corporate clients at depositions.

Dunn, Kacal, Adams, Pappas & Law, P.C., Houston, Texas. **Contract Associate**, 7/01

– 2/02. A large litigation firm specializing in general civil trial practice, including medical malpractice, toxic torts and products liability defense

- Completed legal research and memoranda in preparation for toxic tort litigation
- Argue and attend court ordered hearings, motions, arbitrations and mediations in South and East Texas Courts
- Prepare for, attend and defend over 500 corporate clients at depositions.

Kruse, Luccia & Evans, L.L.P., Houston, Texas. **Associate**, 10/00 – 7/01. A litigation firm with a medical malpractice defense, nursing home defense, asbestosis/silicosis defense and products liability case docket.

- Prepared for defense litigation in medical malpractice, nursing home, and asbestosis/silicosis cases. Including the drafting and editing of answers, dispositive motions, discovery documents and settlement agreements.
- Created and presented continuing education seminar materials for nursing, legal and other allied health professionals working in the health care and long-term care industry.
- Completed legal research and memoranda in preparation for litigation.
- Prepared required reports, charts, budgets and defense summaries and plans per request of insurance carrier clients.
- Located, negotiated rates and hired expert witnesses for use at trial.
- Prepared medical records summaries and charts for medical malpractice cases. □
Prepared clients and expert witnesses for depositions and trial.

Hirsch Robinson, P.C., Houston, Texas. **Contract Associate**, 6/00 – 10/00. A small firm specializing in civil litigation, which provided risk management and liability services to independent nursing homes in the Texas gulf area.

- Prepared for defense litigation in medical malpractice, nursing home and premises liability cases. Including the drafting and editing of answers, dispositive motions, discovery documents and settlement agreements.
- Provided legal advice and counseling to independent nursing homes and other long-term care institutions regarding professional credentialing, malpractice insurance for the

institution and professional staff, JCAHO and Medicare/Medicaid accreditation standards, OSHA compliance and state survey and investigation processes.

- Created and presented continuing education seminars and in-service training for health care and legal professionals in the areas of nursing law, medical malpractice defense and nursing home liability.

Newburger & Vossmeier, St. Louis, Missouri. **Research Associate**, 5/99 – 6/00.

Law Clerk, 5/98 – 5/99. A small firm with a substantial disability law and employment discrimination practice with a specialization in the American with Disabilities Act and the ADAAG standards.

- Assisted with litigation preparations for disability, domestic and employment discrimination cases. Including the drafting and editing of admissions, requests for production, interrogatories, motions, subpoenas, exhibit lists, and other legal forms and documents.
- Completed legal research and other tasks in preparation for litigation and other client transactional matters.
- Acted as a lobbyist for local, state and national disability, mental health and elder organizations.

Nichols & Challis, St. Louis, Missouri. **Law Clerk**, 5/97 – 5/98. A small firm specializing in estate planning, tax and probate law

- Fulfilled research duties as assigned. Including researching real estate titles and other deeds recorded in various counties in Missouri.
- Filed firm court documents, and recorded deeds.
- Assisted in drafting and editing wills, trusts, guardianships and conservatorships.

Missouri Office of the Attorney General; Mental Health Division, St. Louis, Missouri.

Student Intern, 8/97 – 12/97.

- Researched and prepared memoranda regarding issues in mental health, developmental disabilities, mental retardation, juvenile, labor and employment law.
- Assisted in drafting state and mental health policy planning.
- Accompanied staff Assistant Attorney Generals on site visits, and client interviews at various state departments, institutions and agencies throughout the state.

United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Kansas City; LifeCare Planning, Inc.

Assistant Director, 5/95 – 8/96. Handled administrative and consulting duties in assisting persons with developmental disabilities with future legal and financial planning.

Bethany Medical Center, Hospital Rehabilitation Department, Kansas City, Kansas.

Assistant Office Manager, Therapy Technician, 6/93 – 5/95. Through written and practical proficiency testing gained qualification to assist registered therapists with patient care in Physical and Occupational Therapy. Trained staff in the clinical administration of all therapy areas.

Development and Fundraising

Donations and Gifts

Breast Health Collaborative of Texas

- \$25,000 and above: ***Advanced Health Education Center; Pink Ribbons Project; Michael Kotten Productions; and The Avon Foundation for Women***
- \$10,000 to \$24,999: ***American Cancer Society; Episcopal Health Charities; Moncrief Cancer Institute; Cancer Treatment Centers of America; Houston Community College Foundation; Susan G. Komen for the Cure; Patient Advocate Foundation; MD Anderson Cancer Center; LIVESTRONG; Baylor College of Medicine; Westside Surgical Hospital; Twin Peaks; and Memorial Hermann Healthcare System***

- \$9,999 and below: **Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas; Hologic; Kelsey Seybold Cancer Center; CanCare, Inc.; Texas Department of Insurance; Oncology Consultants; Ambry Genetics; Genomic Health; HEB; Alamo Breast Cancer Foundation; Varian Medical Systems; Planned Parenthood; TIRR; Theresa's Research Foundation; Liberty Mutual Insurance; and Harris County Hospital District Foundation; UTSPH Data Center in Department of Management, Policy and Community Health**

Research Activities

Community Reports

- American Cancer Society Community Health Empowerment Program (CHANGE Program) sponsored by Lee Jeans, A Division of VF Jeanswear Limited Partnership, Titled "*Community Outreach, Patient Education and Mobile Mammography for Underserved Women in Sunnyside – One of Houston's Oldest and Poorest African American Neighborhoods*" (2013 – 2015) (Final Report 2015). This program utilized two Certified Community Health Workers to navigate medically-underserved, African American women in the Sunnyside neighborhood of Houston, Texas into mammography screening (over 2500) and reduced the no-show rates for screening appointments by 11%.

Current Research Projects

- Cross-agency Coordination on Healthcare Strategies and Measures (9/30/22 – 9/29/25)
 Funding Agency: Texas Health & Human Services Commission (HHSC)
 Faculty Role Co-PD/PI
 Total Direct Costs \$13,043,477.00
 Total Indirect Costs \$1,956,522.00
- A New Combination of Evidence Based Interventions to Improve Primary Care Diagnostic Safety and Efficiency: a Stepped Wedge Cluster RCT (9/30/22 – 9/29/25)
 Funding Agency: Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality/DHHS (AHRQ)
 Faculty Role Co-Investigator
 Total Direct Costs \$864,440.00
 Total Indirect Costs \$484,087.00
- Heart Healthy Pantry (5/01/22 - 12/31/24)
 Funding Agency American Heart Association (AHA)
 Faculty Role PD/PI
 Total Direct Costs \$19,000.00
 Total Indirect Costs \$0.00

Past Research and Projects

- 1R18HS023255-01 Highfield (PI) 07/01/2014-06/30/2017
 Evidence-based Dissemination for Mammography Adherence in Safety Net Communities Agency for Healthcare Research Quality
 Role: Sub-contract PI
 Sub-contract Budget: \$650,000
- Susan G. Komen National - Kirklin (PI) 06/01/2016-06/01/2018

Coalitions in Action, Galveston County, Texas: Facilitate Collective Impact strategies to improve efficiencies, collaboration and connections of breast health/breast cancer services for the medically-underserved in Galveston County, Texas

Role: Sub-contract PI/Facilitator

Sub-contract Budget: \$17,500

- 05-2011-008 Avon Foundation for Women - Gibbons/Highfield/Bray (PI)
07/15/2010 – 06/30/2013
Closing the Gap on African American Breast Cancer Disparities - The study sought to identify barriers to mammography screening, to culturally tailor an intervention to improve screening rates in urban, underserved, low-income African American women and to pilot test the intervention.
Role: Program Director
Budget: \$450,000
- American Cancer Society - Walton (PI) 01/01/2013 – 01/01/2015
Community Health Empowerment Program (CHANGE Program) sponsored by Lee Jeans, A Division of VF Jeanswear Limited Partnership, Titled "Community Outreach, Patient Education and Mobile Mammography for Underserved Women in Sunnyside – One of Houston's Oldest and Poorest African American Neighborhoods. This program utilized two Certified Community Health Workers to navigate medically-underserved, African American women in the Sunnyside neighborhood of Houston, Texas into mammography screening.
Role: PI/Director
Budget: \$150,000
- 0009019C National Institutes of Health - M Fernandez (PI) 05/01/2014 – 05/01/2015
Breast Health Education to Reduce Cultural Barriers to the Underserved – education program for clinical medical staff of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) in the Greater Houston area on the current mammography screening guidelines
Role: Director
Subaward Budget: \$5000
- Episcopal Health Charities/Episcopal Health Foundation - Walton (PI) 01/01/13-01/01/16
Operational, infrastructure and technology grant
Role: Director
Budget: \$173,918

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Highfield, L., Rajan, S.S., Valerio, M.A., Walton, G., Fernandez, M.E., Bartholomew, L.K. 2015. A non-randomized controlled stepped wedge trial to evaluate the effectiveness of a multi-level mammography intervention in improving appointment adherence in underserved women. *Implementation Science*, 10:143 (14 October 2015).
- Highfield, L., Bartholomew, L.K., Rajan, S.S., Fernandez, M., Valerio, M., Walton, G., Chambers, D., Asgarisabet, P. 2015. Intervention Mapping for Implementation Intervention Development: A Systematic Approach. Agency for Healthcare Research Quality Annual Research Meeting. Washington, D.C.

- Roth, I., Highfield, L., Bartholomew, L.K., Rajan, S., Fernandez, M.E., Valerio, M., Walton, G., Chambers, D. Asgarisabet, P., 2015. Ethical Considerations for Community Dissemination of an Evidence-Based Intervention: A Systematic Approach. Ethics Student Poster Session, American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Holcomb, J., Ferguson, G., Sun, J., Walton, G., Highfield, L., 2021. Stakeholder Engagement in Adoption, Implementation, and Sustainment of a Multi-level Evidence-based Intervention to Increase Mammography Adherence Among Low-income Women. *Journal of Cancer Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13187-021-01988-2>.
- Holcomb, J., Walton, G., Sokale, I. Ferguson, G., Schick, V., Highfield, L., 2021. Developing and Evaluating a Quality Improvement Intervention to Facilitate Patient Navigation in Accountable Health Communities Model. *Frontiers in Medicine*. 8:596873.doi:10.3389/fmed.2021.596873.
- Holcomb, J., Ferguson, G., Roth, I., Walton, G., Highfield, L., 2021. Adoption of an Evidencebased Intervention for Mammography Screening Adherence in Safety-net Clinics. *Frontiers in Public Health*. Manuscript ID; 748361.
- Holcomb, J., Ferguson, G., Walton, G., Schick, V., Highfield, L., 2021. Implementation of an Evidence-based Intervention with Safety-net Clinics to Improve Mammography Appointment Adherence Among Underserved Women. *Journal of Cancer Education*. EMID: d18481cb3bfaa4
- Reader, S.W., Walton, G.H., & Linder, S.H. (2022). Review and inventory of 911 Good Samaritan Law Provisions in the United States. *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 110, 103896. 10.1016/j.drugpo.2022.103896
- "Hot Cities" and their Experiences and Planning for Rapid Growth; an Analysis of Strategic Planning Documents" by Hammarberg, Robert; Highfield, Linda; Walton, Gretchen; Wermuth, Paige; Bowman, Ann, IET Smart Cities 2023.
- Reader, S.W., Walton, G.H., & Linder, S.H. (2023 pending). Ref.: Ms. No. KE-23-1094-Dimension Reduction of 911 Good Samaritan Laws: Drawing Inferences from Policy Surveillance. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*.
- Stassen R, Zottarelli L, Rowan P, Walton G, Herbold J. Extreme Heat and Pregnancy: A Content Analysis of Heat Health Risk Communication by U.S. Public Health Agencies. *Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness*. Published online 2024:1-14. doi:10.1017/dmp.2024.44

Presentations/Conferences

- Rice University, Leadership Institute for Nonprofit Executives (LINE), Co-Instructor for Current Legal and Ethical Considerations in Nonprofit Management (2009) – Edited, updated and cotaught non-profit legal curriculum module to LINE certificate students; approximately 40 students in attendance
- University of Houston, Graduate School of Social Work, Nonprofit Leadership Alliance Certificate Program, Instructor for Legal & Ethical Decision-Making Course (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015) – Created a 3-hour module of non-profit legal/ethics curriculum for Social Work students completing Non-Profit Leadership Certificate Program; approximately 50-75 students in attendance each year
- UT Health, University of Texas School of Public Health, Guest Lecturer for Dr. Highfield, Community Health Practice I (2014, 2015) Created and presented lecture about community academic partnerships; approximately 15 students in attendance for each
- Texas Gulf Coast CHW/Promotores Association; Speaker Annual Conference (2015) Presentation and discussion of breast health/cancer disparities in Texas and information regarding the Breast Health Collaborative of Texas; approximately 200 in attendance
- Wise, J.N., Breckenridge, E., **Walton, G.**, *Public Health Law Research and Policy Surveillance- A Review of Existing Academic Programs for New Curriculum Development at The University of*

Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health. Oral Presentation at the Texas Public Health Association 2023 Annual Education Conference, The Future is Bright: Leading Forward; May 22-24, 2023; San Antonio, Texas

- Breckenridge, E., **Walton, G.**, Wise, J.N., *Building a New Certificate Program in Legal Epidemiology: Public Health Law Research and Policy Surveillance. Oral Presentation* at the Texas Public Health Association 2023 Annual Education Conference, The Future is Bright: Leading Forward; May 22-24, 2023; San Antonio, Texas
- Breckenridge, E., **Walton, G.**, Wise, J.N., *UTHealth Houston's School of Public Health's First Cohort of Graduate Certificate Students in Public Health Law Research: Student Demographics and Curriculum Assessment. Submitted for Oral/Poster Presentation* at the 2023 Public Health Law Conference; October 24-26, 2023; The Depot Hotel Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Reader, S.W., Walton, G.H., Linder, S.H., 2023 American Psychological Association, Poster and Abstract, ID Number: 2183, Title: Good and Bad Samaritans: Population Health Effects of 911 Good Samaritan Laws.

Conference Leadership

- 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 – Young Survival Coalition – Annual Education and Fundraising Event “In Living Pink” – each event raised over \$50,000 with 150-250 attendees
- 2013 – Breast Health Collaborative of Texas - 9th Annual Breast Health Summit – Educational Conference – 350 attendees – *Embracing Diversity: Bridging Healthcare Gaps in Texas*
- 2014 – Breast Health Collaborative of Texas – 10th Annual Breast Health Summit - Educational Conference – 400 attendees – *Navigating Through Healthcare Reform – A Road Map for Texans*
- 2015 – Breast Health Collaborative of Texas – 11th Annual Breast Health Summit Educational Conference – 300 attendees – *From Prevention to Survivorship, Decoding the Breast Health Journey*
- 2016 – Breast Health Collaborative of Texas – 12th Annual Breast Health Summit Educational Conference – 300 attendees – *Breast Cancer's Footprint: At Home and Abroad*
- 2021, 2022 – UTSPH Policy Retreat and Vision Planning Session, Chair, Facilitator, Planner – 20+ attendees – Strategic planning for policy focus school and systemwide

Student Mentoring

- Davis, Ashley – Bachelors of Social Work/University of Houston – Practicum/Intern Advisor (2015) – Graduated 2015
- Ferguson, Gayla – DrPh Community Health Practice/UTSPH – Practicum/Project Supervisor (2016, 2017)
- Roth, Isabel – DrPh Community Health Practice/UTSPH – Project Supervisor (2015)
- Fiesinger, Ellen – DrPH Community Health Practice/UTSPH – Student Advisor, Dissertation Committee Chair (2018 – 2020)
- Grunenwald, Paul – DrPH Community Health Practice/UTSPH – Student Advisor, Dissertation Committee Chair (2019 – present)

- Mustief, Maram – DrPH Community Health Practice/UTSPH – Student Advisor, Dissertation Committee Chair (2020-present)
- Stassen, Robyn – DrPH Community Health Practice/UTSPH – Dissertation Committee (2020-2022)
- Robert Hammarberg – DrPH Community Health Practice/UTSPH – Dissertation Committee (2020-2022)
- Melanie Stone – DrPH Community Health Practice/UTSPH – Dissertation Committee (2020 – present)
- Joseph Kopecic - DrPH Community Health Practice/UTSPH – Dissertation Committee (2020 – present)
- Shane Reader – PhD Healthcare Management and Policy/UTSPH – Dissertation Committee (2020-2022)
- Leah Nadel - PhD Healthcare Management and Policy/UTSPH – Dissertation Committee (2022-present)
- Abdul Abdualiz - PhD Healthcare Management and Policy/UTSPH – Student Advisor/Dissertation Committee Chair (2022-present)
- Lama Bakhamis – PhD Healthcare Management and Policy/UTSPH – Student Advisor/Dissertation Committee Chair (2022-present)
- Syed Hussain – PhD Healthcare Management and Policy/UTSPH – Dissertation Committee (2021-present)
- Student Advisor to 25+ Masters Level Community Health Practice and Healthcare Management Students (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)

Videos/Television

- Narrator/Spokeswoman for informational recruitment video about *Peace of Mind* Program for improving mammography screening rates (Highfield, Producer) (2015)
- Narrator/Spokeswoman for informational video about *Breast Health Collaborative of Texas* organization (Michael Kotten Production) (2015)
- *Sunday Newsmakers with Khambrel Marshall* – KPRC Houston Channel 2 – Guest for discussion on breast cancer, breast health and the Breast Health Collaborative of Texas (2015)

Activities and Honors

Saint Louis University School of Law

National Moot Court Team 1998, 1999

Moot Court Competition Best Brief Award 1998

Health Law Association, President 1998-99; Secretary 1996 -98

Federalist Forum, Senior Opinions Editor 1998-99

Assistant Editor 1996-98

Women's Law Student Association, Member 1996-99

Student Bar Association, Class Representative 1996-99,

Red Mass/Picnic Chairman 1997-99, Volunteer Service Work-a-Day

Chairman 1998-99, Faculty/Student Relations Committee 1997-99

University of Kansas, Medical Center Campus

Deans Honor Scholar 1994, 1995, 1996

Kansas Health Foundation Scholarship Award for 1994 and 1995

Master of Public Health Student Organization, Founder and President 1994-96
University of Kansas Graduate Student Council, Preventive Medicine Representative 1995-96

Pittsburg State University

Deans Honor Scholar
Chemistry Department Scholarship
Karen Compton Biology Scholarship
Pittsburg State University Outstanding Senior Woman Finalist
Order of Omega Honor Society
Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society
Sigma Sigma National Sorority, Member since 1990

Community Service

National

Breast Cancer Coalition Board Member, national advocacy/lobby arm of the National Breast Cancer Coalition to preserve funding for breast health/breast cancer research initiatives for the United States; such as Department of Defense, National Cancer Institute and National Institute of Health grant programs, 2014-present

Global Breast Care Initiative Board Member, a national/international breast cancer prevention organization, 2018-present

American Association of Breast Care Professionals Board Member, provide advocacy, legislative testimony, policy writing and support for the breast prosthesis and mastectomy fitters.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure, National African-American Health Equity Initiative Community Leader and Roundtable Discussion participant, committed to reducing the overall mortality-rate of breast cancer of African American women through the removal of barriers to treatment and strategies to ensure preventive care, 2015-present

State Local

Women's Political Caucus, Houston, Texas, Member, 2001-14

Women's Health Initiative of Texas – Member/Volunteer for Fundraising and Long-term Planning 2012-2014

UT Health School of Public Health Steering Committee for planning the future of public health, Community Representative, 2016-present

Congregation Emanu El School – Annual Fund Campaign Chairperson 2007-2013
The Fay School – Fundraising Volunteer and Annual Fund Campaign Committee 2011-2017

The Joy School – Annual Fund Committee 2015-2017

Breast Health Collaborative of Texas, Volunteer/Member 2008-13; Board Member and Legal Counsel 2010-2013 Austin

Mother's Milk Bank, Volunteer 2011-2013
Sigma Sigma Sigma National Sorority, Alumnae Member 1993-2017
Association of Fundraising Professionals – Houston Chapter, Member 2011-2013
American Heart Association, Fundraising Volunteer 2010-2016
March of Dimes, Fundraising Volunteer 2012-2016

Bethany Medical Center

Hospital Quality Improvement Committee, Rehabilitation Representative 1993-94
Rehabilitation Department Employee of the Month, 1/94

United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Kansas City

Member of the Jackson County Board of Services for the Developmentally
Disabled
Annual Awards Committee 1995
Holiday Charity and Service Committee 1995