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### EDUCATION

- 1985 Bachelor of Science in Journalism (Summa Cum Laude), Mississippi University for Women
- 1993 Master of Public Policy and Administration (Honors), Mississippi State University
- 1994 Senior Public Affairs Officer Course, Defense Information School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.
- 1997 Executive Leadership Development Program, Office of the Secretary of Defense
- 1999 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air University
- 1999 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2002 Air War College (Seminar)
- 2008 Defense Leadership and Management Program, Office of the Secretary of Defense

### CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. 1975 – 1981, various administrative and services position, 6960th Electronic Security Wing, San Antonio Texas; Headquarters Air Force Medical Service Center and Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas; USAF Regional Hospital, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey; and Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, Calif.
2. 1981 – 1983, Youth Activities Director, Iraklion Air Station, Crete, Greece.
3. 1983 – 1992, Deputy Chief, Public Affairs, 14th Flying Training Wing, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.
4. 1992 – 1998, Chief, Public Affairs, 14th Flying Training Wing, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.
5. 1998 – 1999, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
6. 1999 – 2004, Public Affairs Program Manager, Resources and Readiness Division, Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs, The Pentagon, Washington D.C.
7. 2005 – present, Chief, Requirements and Development Division, Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs, The Pentagon, Washington D.C.

### AWARDS AND HONORS

Congressional Award for Exemplary Service to the Public  
Dean's Award for International Security Studies, Air Command and Staff College  
Air Force Outstanding Senior Grade Public Affairs Civilian  
Air Force Distinguished Equal Employment Opportunity Award  
Air Force Exemplary Civilian Service Award  
National President's Award, American Business Women's Association