

RESUME OF DONN LISTON, M.ED. ♦ ALASKA TYPE A TEACHER CERTIFICATION TELEPHONE: 907-854-5190	#4011937
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OBJECTIVE

To apply my Alaska-specific journalistic and academic qualifications as a teacher and writer to serve Alaskans in whatever God-given capacity for which I am suited and chosen. I have succeeded in many career endeavors, approach life challenges as opportunities, and use an educational model to elevate discussions to build collaborative relationships among team members, and others.

QUALIFICATIONS

I have written professionally for a variety of publications since the mid-1970s, when I was a Staff Writer for the **Anchorage Daily News** during construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. I have an active blog of Alaska stories at: <http://donnliston.blogspot.com/>

Completed an accredited course of study including Praxis Exams for Math, Reading and Writing, and 5-month student teaching requirement, for Alaska teacher certification in 2003. Previously earned Master's Degree in Education (UAS) in 1989

WORK HISTORY

May 2017 to Present: Beginning as contract writer and photographer for the **Echo News** community and lifestyle newspaper I have evolved into an active online magazine linked above.

January 10 to April 19, 2018: Session-only Legislative Researcher to House District 14 **Rep. Lora Reinbold** in Juneau. I supported the elected Representative from Eagle River in whatever tasks required, including preparation for floor sessions and research and recommendations for committee meetings.

July 2007 to December 2017: **Nine Star Enterprises** High school completion instructor two years; Adult Basic Education/GED instructor beginning in August 2009. I taught GED Math, Language Skills, Science, and Social Studies year-round for passage of the GED test and entry to career pathways (www.ged.com) in Mt. View and Wasilla.

August 2006 to May 2007: Classroom Teacher-6th Grade, **Haines Borough School District** and successful completion of Alaska Department of Education/University of Alaska first year teacher mentor program.

Nov. 2003 to May 2006: On-call substitute teacher, **Anchorage School District**, and private tutor.

March to October, 2004 – Oct. 2005 to Feb. 18, 2006: Teacher, **Anchorage Sylvan Learning Center**. Trained in Sylvan Academic Reading, Writing, Math and Study Skills teaching programs; I worked full-time with students needing remedial help or seeking advanced opportunity beyond traditional educational programs. I was successful with a range of students from hesitant early readers through senior citizens who sought additional concrete knowledge. Received training in testing, program administration and operations of the Sylvan Center.

October 1, 2004 to September 29, 2005: President, Montessori Creative Schools, Inc. and Superintendent of **Tom Thumb Montessori Schools**. Elected as corporation president in March 2004, I was selected to assume administrative duties of the schools October 1, 2005 during a dispute between owners in a marital divorce. As the Municipality of Anchorage licensed administrator I managed the business, attempted to make meaningful organizational upgrades, and initiated efforts to restore the formally abandoned Montessori program.

December 1977 to November 1984: **Donn Liston Enterprises/Pinnacle Publication Productions**; starting as a cottage industry in Spenard, developed a publishing and public relations business producing newsletters and providing educational opportunities for non-profit association member participants. Some clients included: Realtors, Homebuilders, Education Associations, Telephone Company Managers, Municipal Utilities, Labor organizations, Oil & Gas Association, Mental Health Association, State agencies, ethnic organizations, businesses, and trade associations. I sold advertising to support some of these publications. Sold business to take legislative aide position in Juneau.

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EDUCATION

Brigham Young University, Spring Semester 2013, Engl 220 – Composing Personal History.

University of Alaska, Spring Semester 2012, EDCN A610 – Professional and Ethical Foundations of Counseling,

University of Alaska, 2001-2003. Five semesters and more than 40 credits through distance education program from all three major campuses, including education methods and practicum, to gain K-8 certification.

University of Alaska, Southeast: Master's Degree in Education, 1990. Completed numerous classes in automotive and educational technology as part of my coursework. Upon graduation I lacked only student teaching to qualify for Alaska Secondary Teaching Certification in English and Social Studies.

University of Alaska, Anchorage, 1976: Fifteen credit hours graduate studies in Public Administration/Community and Regional Planning during Spring Semester.

Alaska Methodist University (Now APU), 1974: B.A. degree with double-major emphasis in Sociology and English Literature.

RECOGNITION AND SERVICE

Commissioner, **Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE)**, and **Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)**, appointed 04/08/20 by Gov. Mike Dunleavy.

Director and Vice-Chair, **Alaska Student Loan Corporation (ASLC)** Board of Directors, appointed 07/07/20 by Gov. Mike Dunleavy.

Nominated by my students and colleagues, and awarded as a 2013 **BP Teacher of Excellence!**

REFERENCES

Jason Baarts, Nine Star Enterprises supervisor until 08/2017, 415-672-4157

Dan Maher, Retired Nine Star caseworker/colleague, 907-277-1949

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