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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Ph.D. Curriculum and Instruction	Texas A & M University College Station	1981 - 1986	December 1986
M. Ed. Administration	Tarleton State University	1980 - 1982	August 1981
B. S. Elementary Ed	Tarleton State University	1978 - 1981	May 1980

Teaching or Related Experience

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Brief description of duties</u>
Tarleton State	Professor and Head	1996- present	Department Head/
Tarleton State University	Assistant Professor	1989 - present	Teaching/ Director of Interdisciplinary Studies
Tarleton State University	Assistant Professor	1987 - January 1990	Certification Officer/Director of Teacher Education Admissions/ Teaching
Granbury I S D	Teacher	1984 - 1987	Teaching fourth grade
Texas A&M University	Administrative Assistant	1983 - 1984	Assist Dean of College of Education

	Graduate Research Assistant	1981 - 1983	Develop School/ Community Collaboration Model for the Texas Education Agency
Tarleton State University	Graduate Assistant	1980 - 1981	Teaching developmental reading courses

Attended Winters, Texas, public schools all 12 years, but also lived in Manchester, CT for 7 years and just glad to be back in Texas.

I have served as department head of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction since it was created in 1996. My most prized service, as well as learning opportunity, continues to be as a member of the Leadership Team for the Jim Boyd Effective Schools Project.

Currently, I am president of the Stephenville ISD Board of Trustees, completing my service of 13 years in May. My proudest moment in this role: the passage of the bond and the openings of the “new” Central and Chamberlin Elementary schools. As a school board member, I participated in the Leadership TASB program that included visits to exemplary school districts, presentations from national recognized speakers, and networking with 34 other board members from across the state. This strengthened my leadership skills as well as communication skills. The most important lesson that I learned as a part of this program is that relationships must be built before tasks can be completed successfully.

In addition to the Leadership TASB program, I have worked with a group of education deans and department heads from across the State as part of the CREATE Leadership Academy. This work examines the role of professional schools of education, their role as part of the academic community and their commitment to ensuring the academic success of public school students in Texas.

I am also an elected member of the Board of Directors for the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) and the TASB Energy Cooperative Board.

This is who I am as a professional. As a person, I am married to Dr. John Calahan, Professor of Biological Sciences, Tarleton State University. We are sometimes referred to as a “pair – a – docs”. We are members of Faith Lutheran Church. We have 3 children, Kim Leaverton, an attorney in Stephenville and her husband, Bill, owner of Designer Marble; Geoff Kraatz, Texan Card Specialist, Tarleton, and Shelby Conklin, Irving, Texas, Bank of America employee, and whose husband, Chris, is a chef.

My hobbies are reading and spending time with our grandchildren, Justin, 20, Taylor, 10, Luke, 9, Elissa Ann, 7, Sara Elizabeth, 2 ½, and Jake, one year. John and I love to country western dance and travel in our 5th wheel.