

RANDY BEARD

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EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT

Former 6th grade teacher using creative writing activities to build enthusiasm for writing/reading for all ages; original music put to student writings on the spot. Presents programs to schools, conferences and workshops across the United States as well as various corporate projects involving *Learning through Lyrical Literacy*.

SINGER/SONGWRITER

Singer, songwriter and musician

Education

B. S. ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Indiana University - Bloomington, Indiana

Professional Activities/Projects

- Lantern Road Elementary School CD project, *A Light to the World*
- IRA Conventions - Atlanta, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Indianapolis
- Title I Parent Involvement Conference - New Orleans
- Indiana State IRA Conferences, including 2009 presenter
- Association for Indiana Media Educators 17th Annual Conference
- Illinois Reading Conference
- North Dakota Title I Conference
- Crawford Elementary/Sam's Club CD project
- Kids, Family and Community Involvement Program – Terre Haute, IN
- Co-wrote song *Every Moment Counts*; used nationwide at conferences and workshops
- Completed project about the rescue and adoption programs for greyhounds
- Completed a three county Special Education CD entitled "Music Around the World," which was written and recorded by the students
- Golden Apple Award for the Minot North Dakota School Corporation
- 2001 Excellence in Reading Award – Wabash Valley IRA, Terre Haute, IN
- 2002 Excellence in Reading Award – Indiana International Reading Association
- Minot Air Force Base – Recognition for work with military families
- *What Will You Do if the Drug Calls You* - Drug-free Educational Program
- Developed environmental program entitled *Be a Friend to the Planet*
- 2007 North Dakota Reading Association State Conference, Keynote Speaker
- 2007 Celebrate Literacy Award – Indiana International Reading Association
- 2007 CAPE/Head Start of Evansville, Keynote Speaker
- 2008 Wrote farewell song for Lincoln Elementary School closing, Columbus, IN
- 2008 Indiana State Reading Conference, Indianapolis, IN
- 2008 Lafayette School Corporation professional development workshops
- 2008 *Make Every Moment Count*, 16th Early Childhood Conference, Keynote Speaker for The Pinellas County School District Early Childhood Department, JWB Children's Services Council, and St. Petersburg College, Florida
- Developed program *Write It Out to Get It Out*
- Developed program *Learning Through Lyrical Literacy*
- 2009 Indiana State Reading Conference, Indianapolis, IN
- 2009 Indiana Early Childhood Conference, Indianapolis, IN
- 2009 Tennessee Early Childhood Conference, Nashville, TN
- Created and initiated FAMILY (Fathers and Mothers Involved in Learning for Youth)