



PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

~ Dawn Hardin ~



Dawn Hardin, a native of Buffalo, New York, has dedicated much of her adult life to the service of others. Over the past twenty-five years, she has shouldered the burden of impacting the local education system, earning tenure status during her time with the Lansing School District while also holding the positions as Assistant Adjunct Professor of Mathematics, Educational Consultant, and College Connect Program Coordinator+ at LCC. Dawn was recently named the Director of the Maya Angelou Training center within Lansing Community College in addition to her appointment to the President's Strategic Task Force.

As Director, Dawn has transformed her team into a synergized group, each demonstrating growth in a variety of areas. Under Dawn's leadership her dynamic team has completed over seventeen trainings, workshops, and Community Outreach events in just eight months. All were created to not only increase the participants awareness, but also ignite the critical thinking mind within in them. Additionally, Dawn has established collaboration opportunities beyond LCC with both local and international community partners and other Higher Education Institutions.

In consideration of life's divine mission, Dawn established a plethora of community-based programs committed to addressing the varying needs of the surrounding community. Her most noted programs are *Sister Circle*, a program established to partner at-risk students with both high school and college mentors along with Educators Voting Alliance, E.V.A., a nonpartisan grassroots organization that seeks to educate, register, and mobilize communities of color during every election cycle.

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While Dawn's strength is developing and sustaining communities in general, she has a heart for and a natural gift in empowering emerging leaders to find their purposes and to nurture these. Her work results in a high level of motivation and commitment as these leaders become energized to do what is purposeful and not just what is task oriented. This is evident in the success she has seen in her own children, those in her church as well those on as her professional team. This is a gift that is so needed today as many young leaders find themselves.

Dawn has decades of experience that allowed her to build an eclectic network of influence. Her commitment to the Lansing community's disadvantaged and marginalized is evident in the work she and her husband, Elder Frank Hardin, Sr. do; her belief that learning is the key to growing and that through God all things are possible.

After matriculating through an associate program at Lansing Community College, she went on to graduate from both Central Michigan University and Walden University, earning a B.S. in Education and a M.S. in Mathematics respectfully. Additionally, she has earned several certifications in leadership, empowerment, and coaching.

Dawn has been married to her wonderful husband, Elder Frank Hardin Sr., for 39 years. She has three beautiful children and most importantly, she is the proud grandmother of seven vibrant seeds sown into the next generation.

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