

**Ball State University  
Department of Elementary Education**

**Dixie F. Denton  
Vita**

**EDUCATION**

1983 B.A. in Elementary Education/Kindergarten Endorsement from Franklin College in Franklin, Indiana

1986 M.S. in Elementary Education/Administration from Indiana University/Purdue University in Indianapolis, Indiana

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

1990-Present	Instructor	Department of Elementary Education Ball State University Muncie, Indiana
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1988-1990	Owner/Director	Pixie and Dixie Daycare and Preschool Greenfield, Indiana
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1983-1988	Elementary Teacher	Morristown Elementary School Morristown, Indiana
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**TEACHING**

EDEL 100	Education in a Democratic Society
EDEL 200	Planning for Elementary and Early Childhood Classroom
EDEL 244	Early and Elementary Education for Social Justice
EDEL 350	Teaching in the Elementary Education Classroom
EDEL 351	Teaching in Kindergarten
EDEL 440	Kindergarten Education
EDEL 463	Student Teaching
HONR 499	Senior Honors Project

**Experience Ball State Day**

Denton, D. F. (2022). Planned and implemented mock classes for future Cardinals.

**Jump Start Program**

Denton, D. F. (with others) (2022). Served on summer program planning for incoming freshmen.

**Modern Classroom Summer Institute**

Denton, D. F. (2022). Participated in first summer session and completed the learning design plan.

**Registered Apprenticeship**

Denton, D. F. (with others) (2022). Served on planning committee.

### **Education Living Learning Community**

Denton, D. F. (with others) (2022). Served on committee and planned 2022 kick-off.

### **Camp Adventure and Muncie Community School Camp Presenter**

Denton, D. F. (2022). Served as community speaker and presented Makerspace activities.

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Proposal accepted**

Denton, D. F. (with others) (2020). Every School Has a Story: A PDS Journey with Muncie Community Schools, Atlantic City, NJ.

### **Professional Presentations**

Denton, D. F. (2021). KDP Keynote Speaker, A Trip Down Memory Lane: My Journey in Education, Muncie, IN.

Denton, D. F. (2021). Disability Services Faculty Mentorship Program Panel, Department of Elementary Education Panel Guest, Muncie, IN.

Denton, D. F. (with others) (2019). Makerspaces and Mentors: Beyond Academic Success, Minneapolis, MN.

Denton, D. F. (with others) (2019). Every School Has a Story: A PDS Journey with Muncie Community Schools, Atlanta, GA.

Denton, D. F. (2019). College Mentors for Kids National Conference, Keynote Speaker, Indianapolis, IN.

Denton, D. F. (with others) (2018). Makerspaces and Mentors: Beyond Academic Success, Pittsburgh, PA.

Denton, D. F. (with others) (2018). Makerspaces and Mentors: Beyond Academic Success, Pittsburgh, PA.

Denton, D.F. (with others) (2017). Building Community: The Rise of Makerspaces in Residential Halls, Atlanta, GA.

Denton, D.F. (with others) (2017). Real Experiences Students Gain From Participating in LLCs, Providence, RI.

Denton, D.F. (with others) (2017). Makerspace Professional Development for Elementary Education Faculty, Muncie, IN.

Denton, D.F. (with others) (2016). Real Experiences Students Gain From Participating in LLCs, Scottsdale, AZ.

Denton, D.F. (2015). 40 Developmental Assets Parent Initiative with the Whitely Community Council Muncie, IN.

Denton, D.F. (with others) (2014). Exploring Experiences of Living-Learning Participants in a Community With High Faculty Engagement, Kansas City, MO.

Denton, D.F. (2014). 40 Developmental Assets for Indiana Youth Institute, Youth Worker Café, Muncie, IN.

Denton, D.F. (2013). 40 Developmental Assets for Pro 100, Indianapolis, IN.

Denton, D.F. (2011). Building Asset Rich Communities, Muncie, IN.

Denton, D.F. (2010). College Mentors for Kids, Muncie, IN.

Denton, D.F. (2008). Early Childhood Conference, Muncie, IN.

Denton, D.F. (2007). Developmental Asset Message for Parents, Muncie, IN.

Denton, D.F. (2006). Mentor Training, College Mentors for Kids, Indianapolis, IN.  
Denton, D.F. (with others) (2004). Association of Teacher Educators, Dallas, TX.

### **Professional Publications**

Shively, K., Jarrell, L., Denton, D. (2018). Ready, Set, Make! Exploring library resources in a residential hall makerspace. *College & Research Libraries News*.  
<https://crln.acrl.org/index.php/crlnews/article/view/17055/18799>

### **Professional Growth Activities**

Currently serving as the PDS Liaison for Grissom Elementary School in Muncie, IN.  
Served on the Student Graduate Success USIP Committee.  
Served on the Wellness and Resilience Committee.  
Served on the Community Engagement Committee.  
Currently serving on the Technology Committee.  
Currently sponsoring Education Living-Learning Community.  
Currently sponsoring College Mentors for Kids.  
Served as the Program Area Leader for CORE faculty in the Department of Elementary Education.  
Served as co-chair of the Student Success Working Group for the University Strategic Enrollment Planning Committee.  
Served as co-chair of the Whitely Community Council Education Goal Committee  
Currently serving on the Recognition Committee in the Department of Elementary Education

## **SERVICE**

### **Past and Present Committees and Service**

Jump Start Program Planning Committee  
Registered Apprenticeship Committee  
Grow Your Own Committee  
Teachers College Welcome Week/Activity Fair Committee  
Marketing and Recruiting Committee  
Student Recruitment and Retention Committee  
Technology Committee  
CAEP Subcommittee  
CAEP Committee  
Community Engagement Committee  
Early Alert Subcommittee  
Elementary Education Departmental Honors Subcommittee  
One Ball State Day Committee  
Professional Education Committee  
Recognition Committee  
Student Graduate Success USIP Committee  
University Strategic Enrollment Planning Committee  
Wellness and Resilience Committee  
Whitely Council Education Goal Committee

## **Professional Service Activities**

Blue River Valley Dollars For Scholars, Current President  
Blue River Valley Optimist Board, Member and Past President  
BSU Department of Elementary Education, Past Program Area Leader  
BSU Faculty Mentorship Program for Students with Disabilities, Faculty Mentor  
College Mentors For Kids, Faculty Sponsor  
College Mentors for Kids, Past Keynote Speaker  
Creative Minds, Faculty Sponsor  
Discovery Class for Children, Teacher  
Education Living-Learning Community, Faculty Sponsor  
Indiana Dollars for Scholars, Past Board Member  
MakerSpace, Co-Director  
Recognition Committee, Current Member and Past Co-Chair  
Strategic Enrollment Planning Steering Committee, Member  
Student Success Working Group, Past Co-Chair  
Whitely Community Council, Member and Past Co-Chair  
Marketing and Recruiting Committee, Member  
Student Recruitment and Retention Committee, Member  
Technology Committee, Member

## **AWARDS**

Department of Elementary Education Outstanding Service Award (2018)  
Disability Services Most Accessible Teacher Award (2018)  
College Mentors for Kids Longest Standing Site Manager Award (2017)  
Department of Elementary Education Outstanding Teaching Award (2015)  
College Mentors for Kids Sponsor of the Year Award (2015)