

Paula Adams Rogers

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Professional Summary:

Curated opportunities for art and learning to transpire within community programs and schools over the past 27 years. Utilizing 17 years of previous experience and expertise in retail management, merchandising and sales; with 33 years of educational programming and youth development/training all helped produce many successful out of the box art infused programs for thousands of inner-city youths.

Skills:

- Conflict resolution, classroom management, teamwork, youth development, organizing, management
- Trained in financial and social literacy
- Art basic principles, watercolors, mixed media, calligraphy, sculpture, raku, fiber art, book binding
- Trained in entrepreneurship

Work History:

- 2009-2022- Paula's Stuff LLC, President and CEO
Create and develop unique handcrafted treasures such as but not limited to greeting cards, hand-bound books, handcrafted items; conduct business related to distribution, marketing, sales, accounting and overall management.
Building partnerships with local and hometown galleries, businesses, youth programs and events.
Conducting workshops in various art mediums for youth and adult groups upon request
- 2020-Present Retired, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
- 1996-2020 University of Arkansas at Little Rock Children International, Engagement Manager.
Created and developed partnerships for Children International (CI) programs and youth development.
As Educational Services Manager, created afterschool and summer programs of art, education and entrepreneurship for over 5,000 inner-city youth. Created cultural opportunities in the arts, Trained afterschool staff, supervised and managed 2-4 Little Rock School District afterschool sites of up to 100 students per site.
Evaluated, monitored and collected data on each program for quality out-of-school programming
- 2000-2002 UALR Art Department, Art Assistant
Responsible for monitoring the art department computer lab, file, mount and organize slides in the slide library.
- 1994-2000 University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Services 4-H, Program Assistant
Responsible for organizing and maintaining 4-H programs in Pulaski County, working with youth ages 5-19, teaching hands-on leadership development skills that prepare them to become outstanding leaders in their school, community and society.
Developed programming in the areas of arts and humanities, conflict resolution, teamwork, community service, citizenship, public speaking and gardening.

- Recruited and trained volunteers and leaders to maintain community and school enrichment clubs
- 1982-1993 Dillard's Department Store, Furniture Sales and Department Manager
Merchandised and organized displays, client based interior designs and responsible for sales
- 1980-1982 Spencer Gifts, Inc., Store Manager
Began as trainee and promoted to Store Manager within five months based on performance and ability to manage the second largest store in chain resulting in 40% sales increase.
Organized, motivated, hired and trained personnel
- 1976-1978 JC Penney Inc. Merchandise Manager and Buyer

Education:

- 1999-2002 University of Arkansas at Little Rock, pursuit of BA in Studio Art (Teacher Licensure PK-12) GPA 3.85 -12-week Student Teaching at Parkview Arts Magnet
- 1993-1994 University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Elementary Education GPA 4.00
- 1972-1976 Indiana University- Bloomington, Indiana, Elementary Education, Student Teaching Requirement: participated in pilot project for Indianapolis Public School System and Indiana University. Performing six weeks of community service within a service organization and six weeks student taught 3rd grade in inner-city public school #26. Maintained individual assignment contracts for each student at their own acceleration rate. Superior Rating. Dean's List 1973-1976
- 1970-1972 West Side High School, Gary, Indiana, Top 10% of graduating class; National Honor Society; Y-Teens, President; Principal's Advisory Council

Notable Accomplishments:

Created Mind Your Own Business Summer Camp (MYOB)- UA Little Rock CI 2004-2018

Conducted Empty Bowls Project -2 years UA Little Rock CI

Exhibitions/Commissions:

Commissioned -200 individual thank you note cards from the 124 Incoming president of the National Medical Association, adorned with caduceus wax seals and burned edged envelopes

Commissioned – 18 X24 Be Encouraged Paper Quilt

Conducted Maker and Artist workshop for Conway Art Walk

Pyramid Art, Books & Custom Framing, exhibition, show and merchandise display

Brandon House Cultural and Performing Arts Center, Merchandise display

Jesus is My Rock Sculpture – Greater Center Star Baptist Church 2002-2018

Royalty Triptych- UALR Student Gallery

Featured UALR Art Department promotional brochure "Why Study Art at UALR" 2001

Best in show basket – Student Competition UALR Art Department

8' X 9' Paper Quilt for Greater Center Star Baptist Church

Cover Story – Urbane Magazine -Volume 1. Issue 5, Oct/Nov. 2021, Pg. 29-34

Lilly Oncology on Canvas 2012 Collection – Help Along the Way Paper Quilt pg. 246
Lilly Oncology on Canvas 2014 Collection- From the Valley to the Summit, photo, pg.193
Mosaic Playground Wall – UA Little Rock Children International
UAMS cancer survival ad Arkansas Life Magazine, March 2012. Back cover. / & October 2012 pg. 65
UAMS cancer survival ad AY Magazine, March 2012. Pg. 12
Puppet Power – Parenting in Arkansas Magazine, Spring/Summer. 2000. Vol 9. No. 1. Pg 12-13
T-Shirt graphics for Race for Cure (2) and Women’s Ministry Conference (2) Greater Center Star Church

Honors/Awards

Certificate of Honor – Jacksonville Middle School 2022
University of Arkansas at Little Rock Retiree 2020
Aflatoun Regional Master Trainer for Asia and USA
National Lewis Hine Award- National Child Labor Committee 2014
Dillard’s Pacesetter Award 1983-1993
Inaugural Leader in Action (LIA) Fellow for Arkansas Out of School Network
Most Unique Business -Arkansas Small Business Technology and Development Center (ASBTDC)
Certificate of Completion in Recognition of Entrepreneur Achievement- City of Little Rock & ASBTDC
Recipient Rogers Foundation Grant

Boards /Organization Involvement

Current Board Member Brandon House Cultural and Performing Arts Center
Former Board Member Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund (ASPSF)
Former Board Member University District Development Corporation (UDDC)

Activities and Involvements

Mentor pending – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arkansas
Mentor - UA Little Rock Children International HOPE Scholarship Program
Beyond Grief Ministry Leader- Eighth Street Missionary Baptist Church
Former President – Curran-Conway Neighborhood Association
Former Puppet Ministry Director 15 years- Greater Center Star Baptist Church
Former 4-H Club leader and Advisor
Charter Member of Greater Center Star Women’s Ministry
Member of Arkansas Calligraphy Guild
Mother of two adult children, 5 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild