



PAMELA "SISSI" CARROLL

Dr. Carroll began a lifetime career as an educator teaching high school and middle school students in English language arts classes in Tallahassee, FL, after earning a bachelor's degree in English and in education at Auburn University.

After several years, she wanted to help other teachers become energized about the profession, so she returned to school at Auburn to study and engage in research in

English Education. After completing her doctorate and a year of work at Georgetown College, Kentucky, she returned to Tallahassee to accept her dream position as a member of the faculty of the College of Education at Florida State University, where she worked for 20 years.

Some of her happiest experiences involved taking university students into area middle and high schools to engage directly adolescents who needed extra time, attention, and academic coaching. Eventually, she moved into administrative roles in the College of Education, including those of department chair and associate dean. With wonderful mentoring and support from office staff, faculty, students, and administrators, she was able to extend her reach into the role of Dean of the College of Education at Oklahoma State University, in Stillwater, Oklahoma. There, she was fortunate to work with individuals who helped her commit to projects that were intrinsically meaningful and that also contributed to people in very immediate ways.

In 2015, she returned to Florida with her husband where they accepted positions at University of Central Florida. Hired as the Dean of the College of Education and Human Performance, she now has the honor of serving as Founding Dean of the newly configured College of Community Innovation and Education, with its 8 departments, 300 faculty and staff, and 9,000 students. Their focus is on using the resources within the college to lift lives within the communities that they serve. She is dedicated to the Parramore Education and Innovation District project, for which she serves as co-principal investigator for grants funded by Helios Education Foundation and Kresge Foundation. She also serves as immediate past president of the Council of Academic Deans of Research in Education Institutions, and Chair of the State University System of Florida Deans Council.

She also serves on the Board of A Gift for Teaching, City Year, and as an active member of the Orlando First United Methodist Church. When not working, she loves to be outside running or cycling with Joe, swimming or gardening, or playing with her dog Sunny and cats, Carl Sandburg and Mo.