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EDUCATION

New Jersey City University (NJCU)

Spring 2002-Fall 2003
Jersey City, NJ

- BA in Mathematics 2003, Cum Laude
Minor in Fine Art: Painting emphasis
- Awarded 2003 NJCU President's Award
for Community Service and Academic Achievement
- Awarded 2002 Lee Hagan Africana Studies Center
Academic Excellence Community Service Award
- VP of Public Relations,
NJCU Art Association
- Gilligan Student Union Renovation
Project Committee: Alumni Rep.

Middlesex County College (MCC)

Fall 1996-Spring 2001
Edison, NJ

- Mathematics major
- Math Tutor, MCC's Johnson Learning Center
- Minority Access to the Professions Scholars
(MAPS) Program: Peer Mentor
- Hortense Anderson Student
Leadership Award
- 4 Da Masses, Literary Magazine:
Founding Member
- Named MCC 2004 Alumnus of the
Year

PUBLICATIONS

Empowering Students with Hidden Disabilities:

Fall, 2016

A Path to Pride and Success

Co-Author

- Textbook providing strategies for in-service and pre-service teachers to help them improve the transition outcomes of students with hidden disabilities.
- Co-Authored with The Ohio State University's Margo Vreeburg Izzo, PhD to develop the definitive compendium on LD, ADHD, Autism and other hidden disabilities.
- Published by Brookes Publishing Co.

Black and Blue

Spring, 2011

Writer, Performer and Executive Producer

- A full length CD of LeDerick's poetry exploring identity within the social constructs of disability and race. Available online at: www.lederick.com and on [iTunes](#)

New Street Poets
Co-Author and Executive Producer

Summer, 2007

- A two act spoken word play which looks at the effects of gentrification on a down town community of artist.
- First staged at the Tony Award winning Crossroads Theatre Company in New Brunswick, NJ then toured throughout the northeast.

Rhyme, Rhythm, and Song
Writer, Performer and Executive Producer

Spring, 2005

- A full length CD featuring LeDerick's inspirational and entertaining performance poetry. Available online at: www.lederick.com and on [iTunes](#)

PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Learning Disabilities Association (LDA)
Harrison Sylvester Award

Baltimore, MD
Winter, 2017

- Awarded at the LDA's 54th Annual International Conference during the Adult Topics Committee's luncheon for outstanding service to improve the lives of adults with learning disabilities.

Reimagine Learning – New Profit
Support Partner and Performer

New York, NY
Winter, 2015

- Opening performer at this Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week event hosted by WME | IMG, the world's leading talent and literary agency, and New Profit, a pioneering nonprofit venture philanthropy fund.
- Shared stage with Oscar and Grammy award-winning John Legend, Daymond John of ABC's Shark Tank, fashion brand Public School, representatives from the MIT Media Lab's Learning Over Education initiative, and many more.
- Served on New Profit's working group focused on creating cultural change to improve the lives of students with challenges related to attention and learning.

NAACP – New Brunswick Area Branch
Harry Belafonte Community Service Award

Somerset, NJ
Fall, 2015

- Awarded in recognition of service defending the civil rights of people in the black community and people with disabilities.

RAISE Technical Assistance Center
Advisory Board Member

Newark, NJ
Spring, 2015

- Serving as an advisory to The National Resources for Access, Independence, Self-determination and Employment (RAISE) Technical Assistance Center.
- RAISE works with the seven (7) RSA-funded Parent Training & Information Centers to develop and disseminate information and resources that increase their capacity to serve youth and young adults with disabilities and their families.

The White House
Participant and Presenter

Washington, DC
Winter, 2014

- Asked by White House staff to serve as a disability representative at the reveal of the My Brother's Keeper Initiative - Joined members of the national press, congressional leaders, and a gathering of celebrities and activist for President Obama's announcement in the East Room.
- Also, on the same day, acted as the closing presenter for the White House's first Civil Rights in America Conference - A gathering of minority leaders with disabilities convened to examine the intersection of the Disability Rights Movement and Civil Rights Movement.

Eye to Eye
Founding Board Chair, Treasurer, Chair of Strategic Planning Committee

New York, NY
Winter, 2004 - Present

- A nationally nonprofit mentoring organization founded by Jonathan Mooney and David Flink that matches college students who have learning disabilities and attention disorders with LD/ADHD middle school students who have a similar label.
- Founding Board Chair for first 8 years of the organization's existence.
- Developing and implementing organization's strategic plans and principally responsible for all board activities.
- While serving as board chair supported the organization's growth from first 5 chapters to over 50 chapters nationwide, facilitated the creation of the first Organizing Institute on the campus of NJCU, and conceived of youth speaking initiative which became Eye to Eye Diplomates program.
- Transitioned to Treasurer after assisting the executive staff's growth of operating budget from \$25,000 to over \$1.8 million.

IDEA Partnership at NASDSE
Advocate for Youth Leadership

Washington, DC
Winter, 2005 - Present

- The IDEA Partnership at the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE) is dedicated to improving outcomes for students and youth with disabilities by joining state agencies and stakeholders through shared work and learning. The IDEA Partnership reflects the collaborative work of more than 55 national organizations, technical assistance providers, and organizations and agencies at state and local level.
- Working with the IDEA Partnership's Communities of Practice initiative out of NASDSE to develop leadership skills of youth with disabilities. These youth then take on meaningful roles in governing the systems and organizations that provide support for people with disabilities.
- Provide assistance and training for programs in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Nevada and Alabama.

United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
Participant

New York, NY
Fall, 2006

- Requested by United Nations' to serve as a representative for people with learning disabilities to insure that this population's needs and concerns were voiced.

Educational Equity Center at AED
2006 Rising Star Award and Council Member

New York, NY
Winter, 2006 - 2009

- Received the 2006 Rising Star Award for creating a more equitable society for people with disabilities
- Co-wrote and featured in EEC at AED's television public service announcement for CBS network
- Appointed to the Equity Leadership Council Fall, 2008

NJ Minorities with Disabilities Coalition
2004 Vision Award

Trenton, NJ
Winter, 2004

- For excellence in service of people with disabilities

Epic Vision Academy
Math Tutor and Resident Poet

Piscataway, NJ
Spring, 2000 – 2011

- Provide Saturday morning tutoring for students in the Piscataway, NJ school system.
- This grant funded program has been supported by the Alliance of Black Telecommunications Employees at AT&T as well as the Piscataway board of education.

NJ Commission on Higher Education: Special Needs Advisory Group
Member

Trenton, NJ
Spring, 1998

- First student member appointed to this board.
- Assisted in the allocation of 1.1 million dollars of grant money to the eight Regional Centers located throughout the state of New Jersey providing direct assistance to hearing impaired, visually impaired, and learning disabled students.

LECTURE ENGAGEMENTS and CONSULTING

University Presentations, Webinars, and Student Events

- ***Youth Leadership Workshop Series and Community Presentations, Throughout DE (November 2016-April, 2017):*** In addition to providing four evening community presentations for families, developed and facilitated four, full-day leadership trainings, for a group of 50 youth with disabilities and the support staff from their schools. During this series student leaders and school staff developed action plans designed to address self-determination and transition concerns in their community. Students received training on self-advocacy, disability law, disability awareness, the Disability Rights Movement, and workforce preparation. This series was supported by the Delaware Department of Education and the Delaware Office of Rehabilitation Services.
- ***Understood - Live Expert Chat, Understood.org (September, 2016):*** “Empowering Kids with Learning & Attention Issues to Be Proud of Who They Are” – Joint interview providing advice for families and educators. <https://cm-ga.understood.org/en/community-events/experts-live-chats-webinars/2016/september/27/empowering-kids-with-learning-attention-issues-to-be-proud-of-who-they-are>
- ***The Department of Rehabilitation Services Youth Employment Rallies, Throughout CT (July-August, 2016):*** Developed and delivered presentations and workshops for students at locations throughout the state of Connecticut – These half-day workshops took place on 12 different days during July and August.
- ***Juvenile Detention Centers, Tecumseh and Norman, OK (November, 2015-Present):*** On-going relationship with the Oklahoma State Department of Rehabilitation to provide workshops on future planning, self-advocacy, and leadership skills for youth (with and without disabilities) within the state’s three juvenile detention centers.

- ***The Kildonan School's Graduation Ceremony, Amenia, NY (June, 2016):*** Delivered commencement speech for the graduation class of 2016 at this historic school specializing in supporting the needs of students with learning disabilities.
- ***University of Southern Florida, Tampa, FL (February, 2011):*** Facilitate a set of workshops for university faculty and students of education on creating more inclusive classrooms for students of diverse abilities.
- ***National Youth Inclusion Summit, Bethesda, MD (January, 2010):*** Created and implemented a series of workshops for 20 young adults from across the USA which led to the development of the "I am Norm" idea campaign. www.iamnrm.org
- ***Education Revolution 2009: The Largest Gathering Ever of People Who Learn Differently, AT&T Park, San Francisco, CA (April, 2009):*** Performed original poetry about transforming societies perception of people labeled learning disabled.
- ***8th Annual Steven Hirsch and Susan Hirsch Disability Awareness Lecturer, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY (April, 2009):*** Facilitated workshop for Vassar's staff allowing them to experience school from the perspective of a student with a learning disability and provided alternative teaching techniques to create a more inclusive classroom for all students; participated in discussion with students of color who have learning disabilities, and delivered evening keynote to improve disability awareness on campus.
- ***National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day "Still I Rise Performance", Washington DC (May, 2008):*** Performed poetry at Lincoln Theater along side several celebrities to build awareness of children's mental health.
- ***Nevada Student Leadership Transition Summit, University of Nevada, Reno, NV (April, 2007 – November, 2017):*** Assisted the NV Department of Education with the planning and implementing of this summit which provides technique support for teams of high school students and their adult allies as they actively resolve issues related to transition within their respective communities. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CIaJySVWleU>
- ***Southwest Wisconsin Technical College, Student Transition Workshop, Fennimore, WI (April, 2006):*** Keynote presentation for group of labeled high school students about developing self-advocacy and self-determination skill.
- ***National Center for Secondary Education and Transition, National Student Leadership Initiative Teleconference, (April, 2005):*** Presentation on strategies and practices that lead to my success as well as offering advice on several national problems associated with classified students. *Transcript at:* http://www.ncset.org/teleconferences/transcripts/2005_04.asp
- ***University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Minorities with Disabilities Coalition, (April, 2005):*** Presentation on strategies and practices that led to success as well as facilitate community discussion about over representation of minority students in special education classes.
- ***Burlington County College, Rutgers University, Union County College, College of New Jersey, Colts Neck, Cape May CSS, Bergen County College, Montclair State University, New Jersey Department of Education's "Dare to Dream" Student Leadership Conference, NJ (May-June, 2003-2016):*** Keynote presentation on building self-advocacy skills and Master of Ceremony for the general assembly for each of these eight state organized conferences. Also play a key role on the conference planning committee.

Professional Conferences

- ***Long Island Association of Special Education Administrators Winter Conference, Montauk, NY (January, 2017 and January, 2018):*** Collaborated with conference planning committee in the organizing of this full-day professional development event. Presented on improving student outcomes, strengthening leadership skills as school administrators, and strategies for school staff to practice self-care.
- ***Mental Health in Color, Washington, DC (May, 2017):*** TED-style talk with Q&A session exploring the impact of mental health within communities of color. Shared the stage with nationally recognized mental health activist Dior Vargas.
- ***California Transition Alliance Annual Conference, San Diego, CA (December, 2016):*** Keynote and book signing for this over 1,000 service providers, special educators and job coaches from across the state.
- ***Pennsylvania Coalition of Public Charter Schools - Professional Development Event, Exton, PA (Oct, 2016):*** Keynote for administrators of charter schools from across the state on how to improve the outcomes of students with disabilities.
- ***AUCD PROMISE Grant Conference, Washington, DC (November, 2015):*** Keynote on creating student success through improved community engagement and building disability awareness for this five year grant's national implementation team.
- ***Louisiana Statewide Inclusion Conference, Marrero, LA (May, 2011):*** Keynote for educators from across the state affirming the benefits of inclusion.
- ***2010 Regional DCDT Conference, Mystic, CT (October, 2010):*** Opening keynote and facilitated workshop on improving school climate.
- ***NYC Department of Education Parent Event on Inclusion, New York, NY (September, 2010):*** Presented to community members throughout NYC with film maker Dan Habib ([Including Samuel](#)) and city officials as part of a city wide inclusion initiative.
- ***Annual APEX Summer Leadership Institute, Manchester, NH (August, 2008-2010):*** Keynote and provided youth attending conference with activities addressing Youth Role in improving school climate.
- ***OSEP Project Directors Conference, Washington, DC (July, 2010):*** Opening keynote and contributed to a panel with provided suggestions regarding the future reforms needed to insure quality schools for all students.
- ***Montana Behavioral Initiative Summer Institute, Bozeman, MT (June, 2010):*** Presentation and poetry reading for educators and mental health providers on providing support for K-12 and postsecondary young adults.
- ***Resource to Results Educational Conference, East Farmingdale, NY (March, 2010):*** Delivered opening keynote for this conference focusing on the importance of a resource based approach to school reform.
- ***58th Conference on Exception Children, Public Schools of North Carolina (November, 2008):*** Keynote presentation on improving the overall outcomes of youth in special education.

- ***Work-Able Inc. Lecture Series, St. Thomas, Virgin Island (October, 2008)***: Week long series of keynote presentation and workshops for parents and service providers on the island of St. Thomas.
- ***3rd Annual Positive Behavior Support (PBS) Symposium, Denver, CO (July, 2007)***: Keynote presentation and facilitated workshop for teachers and school administrators on ways to positively change the culture in their schools.
- ***Governor's Conference, NJ Department of Community Affairs Commission of Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities, (May, 2007)***: Keynote presentation and workshop on using the creation and performance of poetry as a recreational activity for people with disabilities.
- ***Road to Agreement: Symposium on Dispute Resolution in Special Education, AED, Washington, DC (December, 2006)***: Participated in panel discussion about positive behavioral supports for youth with disabilities in special education.
- ***National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDES), Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN (October, 2005)***: Facilitated a student panel during the opening plenary session of this conference for state directors, state education agency staff, US Department of education staff, and representatives from higher education.
- ***Oklahoma State Superintendent's Conference for Special Education Teacher and Directors, Tulsa, OK (September, 2005)***: Inspirational keynote during opening session of the conference addressing factors that contributed to success and presented a compelling critique of the education system.
- ***Pennsylvania Community on Transition Conference, Pennsylvania State College (July, 2005)***: Helped a group of Pennsylvania youth with a variety of disabilities develop a comprehensive critique of transition services in the state of Pennsylvania, and facilitated a panel discussion during the opening plenary session of the conference.
- ***National Center for Secondary Education and Transition, National Leadership Summit on Improving Results for Youth: Policy and Practice Implications for Secondary and Postsecondary Education and Employment for Youth with Disabilities, Washington, DC (July, 2005)***: Presentation on strategies and practices that lead to my success as a college student as well as offering advice on several national problems associated with classified students.
- ***NJ Association of School Psychologists, Transition Planning, Robertwood Johnson University Medical Center, NJ (April, 2005)***: Joint presentation with the New Jersey Department of Education's office of Transitioning promoting a student driven approach to the IEP processes.
- ***ILIAD Partnership/Council for Exceptional Children: Transition Conference, VA (December, 2002)***: Participated in a panel discussion examining the transition processes from the prospective of a student.

International Conferences

- ***Learning Disability Association (LDA) 55th Annual International Conference, Atlanta, GA (February, 2018)***: Opening keynote and workshop for one of the world's best attended international conference supporting the needs of people with learning disabilities.

- **24th World Congress on Learning Disabilities, Docklands, London (September, 2016):** Delivered feature presentation on improving the transition outcomes of students with learning disabilities at this research centered gathering hosted by the University of Sunderland's London Campus.
- **The Learning Disabilities Association of Bermuda's National Conference, Hamilton, BX (November, 2010 – November, 2012):** Opening keynote for educators and parents providing contemporary strategies for the education of students labeled LD and ADHD.
- **Pacific Rim International Conference on Disabilities (Pac Rim), Honolulu, HI (April, 2011):** Keynote focusing on improving the transition outcomes of students with disabilities as well as development and facilitation of pre-conference youth leadership activates for 20 young adults.

RECENT MEDIA APPEARANCES

- Krys Kornmeier's film, "Normal Isn't Real: Succeeding with Learning Disabilities & ADHD" Featured profile in this full length documentary – January 2018: <https://www.normalisntreal.com>
- myCentralJersey.com, "Poet, Advocate LeDerick Horne wns Sylvester Award" Online post of newspaper article covering LeDerick being honored by the LDA – February 2017: <http://www.mycentraljersey.com/story/news/local/how-we-live/2017/02/18/franklin-somerset-poet-advocate-lederick-horne-wns-sylvester-award/97958552/>
- Dover Post, "Special Needs Students Taking the Lead" – March 2017: <http://www.doverpost.com/news/20170316/special-needs-students-taking-lead>
- Roadtrip Nation, "Being You" Featured interview in this full length documentary released on PBS – April 2016: <http://roadtripnation.com/roadtrip/being-you#show>
- 13 ABC Action News, "Expo Connects Students with Disabilities to Jobs" – November 2015: <http://www.13abc.com/home/headlines/Expo-connects-students-with-disabilities-to-jobs-344103232.html>
- Opportunity Lives, "Backed by Stars, Reimagine Learning Seeks Cultural Transformation in Education Reform" – February 2015: <http://opportunitylives.com/backed-by-stars-reimagine-learning-seeks-cultural-transformation-in-education-reform/>
- Huffington Post, "The Wisdom of Spoken Word Poet LeDerick Horne" – April 2014: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/john-thompson/the-wisdom-of-spoken-word_b_5149381.html
- PBS NewsHour, "Poetry from a 'Neurologically Impaired' Life" part of a PBS NewsHour series on the role of learning disabilities in America's dropout crisis – March 2012: <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/runtdown/poetry-from-a-neurologically-impaired-life-1/>
- US Department of Education, "Celebrating 35 Years of IDEA" - November, 2010: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DUn6luZQaXE&feature=player_embedded
- "Public Service Announcement for Educational Equity Center at AED", - CBS, Summer 2008

SERVICE EXPERIENCE AND INTERNSHIPS

LeDerick Horne Speaks, LLC
Owner

Somerset, NJ
January, 2015-Present

- Speaking and consulting corporation housing LeDerick Horne's multifaceted work to improve the lives of people with disabilities.
- Providing speakers and educational consultants for state and local agencies utilizing LeDerick Horne's national network of presenters and researchers.

Kinetics Personal Training and Group Fitness
Principal Investor

Highland Park, NJ
August, 2011-Present

- Provided capital investment as well as assistance in strategic planning, brand development, marketing, and daily operations.
- A boutique fitness studio focused on high quality personal training and group fitness classes.
- This business also provides fitness experiences and workshops for our corporate clients.

Horne & Associates, LLC
Owner

Somerset, NJ
May, 2003-Present

- Management and redevelopment of residential real estate in the State of New Jersey.

NJ Department of Education, Office of Special Education
Transition Consultation

Trenton, NJ
April, 2004-May, 2016

- Participate in the planning and implementing of the "Dare to Dream: Student Leadership Conferences" and presented during training sessions for service providers throughout the State of New Jersey.

Lucas & Company, LLC
Intern then Chief Associate

Mt. Laurel, NJ
Summer 2003-Winter 2005

- Research and development of commercial, residential, and industrial real estate projects along Rt. 130 in Burlington County.
- Assisted in consulting local municipalities in the area of real estate and economic development.
- Worked as site finder for several retailers looking to obtain new locations throughout central and southern New Jersey.