

# KEN L. SPEAR

EDUCATOR | RESEARCHER | CONTENT CREATOR







## PERSONAL PROFILE

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Extremely motivated to constantly develop my skills and grow professionally. I am confident in my ability to collaborate with, lead, and nurture learners and fellow professionals.

## CONTACT

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## EDUCATION

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- Western Governors University**  
Masters in Learning & Technology,  
2021
- Alabama State University**  
Teacher Certification, 2009
- Troy University**  
Bachelor's, Broadcast Journalism

## SKILLS

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- Exceptional written and verbal communicator
- Skillful workshop presenter
- Seasoned curriculum developer

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### **Pike Road Schools, Lead Learner**

JUL 2019 - PRESENT

- Manage face-to-face and virtual instruction of 10th-grade General and Honors English-Language Arts, and grades 10-12 in Journalism and TV Production
- Analyze student achievement data to construct lesson plans tailored to varied learning styles
- Create and develop thematic units based on standards and cognitive skills assessed for Summit Learning digital platform
- Teach, oversee and advise student print and broadcast media programs
- Serve as teacher representative on Advisory Council

### **Montgomery Public Schools, Teacher**

SEP 2007 - JUL 2019

- Appointed as chairman of English Department (2015-2019) and assisted Leadership Team in crafting plan to successfully turn around school's academic status
- Achieved certification in AP Literature & Composition and Career Technical Education (TV Production)
- Conducted a series of professional development workshops in instruction and technology integration for school district and region

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## REWARDS, HONORS, ETC...

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- 2021** Honor rating for *The Revere* student newspaper, Pike Road High School, from the Scholastic Press Association, University of Alabama
- 2020** Chosen by the Zuckerberg Initiative to attend the Black Male Educator Conference, Philadelphia
- 2019** Selected to participate in Gulf Coast Conference on the Teaching of Writing and serve on a panel to draft a writing plan for the school district
- 2016** and **2017** Hallmark Award for *The Blue & White* student newspaper, Sidney Lanier High School
- 2015** Top Award for Newspaper Design & Layout in the 2014-2015 Southeast Regional High School Journalism Competition
- 2014** Appointed to the board of directors of the VOICES for Alabama's Children advocacy network
- 2014** and **2015** Two-year winner of Shoptimum Rewards Essay Contest for Teacher Grants from EastChase Shoppes
- 2013** Named Secondary Teacher of the Year for Montgomery Public Schools
- 2004** Media Award and Honorary Life Membership, Montgomery Council of PTAs and Alabama PTA
- 2003** Alabama Education Media Honor Roll, Alabama Association of School Boards
- 1997** Keys to the City of Chattanooga recipient, (March 8)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- Pike Road Schools** | Lead Learner | 2019 - present
- Montgomery Public Schools** | Teacher | 2007 - 2019
- Alabama Coalition Against Rape** | Outreach & Media Relations Coordinator | 2006 - 2007
- Freewill Baptist Church** | Administrative Assistant/Communications | 2006
- Jack Ingram Motors Inc.** | Sales Consultant | 2005 - 2006
- Southern Poverty Law Center** | Writer/Editor | Summer 2004
- Montgomery Advertiser** | Senior Level Reporter | 1999 - 2004
- Chattanooga Free Press** | K-16 Educator Writer | 1990-1999

## EDUCATION

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- Western Governors University**, Salt Lake City Utah | Master's, Learning & Technology (November 2021)
- Alabama State University**, Montgomery, AL | Teacher certification, Secondary Education (2009)
- Troy University**, Troy, AL | Bachelor of Science, Journalism (1987)