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## Educational Background:

- 1—Ed.M. Ed. Master's Degree with Specialization in Reading,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, Harvard University Graduate School of Ed.
- 2—ABD Ed.D. in Community College Administration,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, New Mexico State University
- 3—M.A. Master of Arts Degree in Bilingual Education..... New Mexico Highlands University
- 4—B.A. #2 Bachelor of Arts Degree in Secondary Ed. & History..... New Mexico Highlands University
- 5—B.A. #1 Bachelor of Arts Degree in Bilingual Elementary Ed..... New Mexico Highlands University

**Teaching Philosophy:** I was the kid who was told by my high school counselor that I would never amount to much—he told me that I was not smart enough or dedicated enough to make it in college—you will probably end up being a hoodlum all your life. After proving him wrong by graduating from Harvard University, writing several books and having them published, and becoming a college/university professor, I have made it my mission to never judge any student, regardless of their background or whatever baggage they bring along from life experiences—they each have the ability to succeed without being judged for who or what they are. I strive to help students achieve well-above their expected potential—they do not see what I see in them! I make teaching an adventure and not just a job—learning can always be fun! I feel that if a student fails at his/her academic goal in my class, then I have also failed!

**Personal Information:** As a former full contact kickboxer for 8 yrs. as well as a military veteran, I've always had a set of quotes ('Garcia's Laws') that kept me going—quitting was never an option! I have carried these over into my personal life and follow them daily in my career as a professor and Reading Specialist! And, I recently finished writing my novel entitled "**A Hoodlum at Harvard**" which details the trials and tribulations of a kid who was never supposed to amount to much in life.

## Philosophical Quotes:

- =*Success consists of getting up one more time than you fall!*
- =*Great Success can be achieved with the least amount of stress!!*
- =*Diamonds were once jagged pieces of coal put under extreme pressure!!!*

**Specialization:** Developmental Reading, Developmental Writing, Univ.UpperDivision Reading (Teacher Certification.)