



## **Ladona K. Clayton, Ed.D.** **Superintendent**

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### **Biographical Sketch**

#### **College Degrees:**

Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership, ORU, 2010  
Master of Education in Education Administration, ENMU, 1994  
Bachelor of Arts in Education, ENMU, 1989

**Honors:** Summa cum laude, 1989  
Outstanding College Students of America, 1989  
Outstanding Student Teacher in Elementary Education, ENMU,  
spring 1989  
Outstanding Graduate Student in Education Administration, ENMU, spring  
1994  
Outstanding Doctoral Graduate, ORU, 2010  
Excellence in Education Award, Administrator, New Mexico  
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, 1999  
Administrator of the Year, Clovis Municipal Schools, 1999

**At CCS Since:** 2009

**Church Attending:** Faith Christian Family Church

#### **Recent Educational Background:**

- President of NMACSD, 2010-2012
- Member of ASCD and New Mexico Coalition of School Administrators (NMCSA)  
Board Member
- NM Common Core Mathematics Leadership Conference, Albuquerque, NM,  
January 2012
- ASCD Leadership Institute for Legislative Advocacy, Washington, D.C., January  
2011

- NMCSA Summer Conference, July 2010 and 2011, Albuquerque, NM
- NMASCD Fall Conference, “Whole Teacher, Whole Child,” November 2010, Albuquerque, NM
- “Our Founding Fathers & the U.S. Constitution,” Portales, NM, led this study from January—April, 2011
- HJM #16 Legislative Study, Reading Materials Analysis, selected by committee to analyze the reading programs of four NM universities, 2010-2011
- ASCD Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, March 2010
- NMSBA School Law Conference, June 2009, Albuquerque, NM
- ACSI Leadership Academy, June 2009, Colorado Springs, CO
- Associate of *The Coventry Group*, strategic planning and training for churches and private Christian schools
- ENMU Advisory Council, Education Administration and Teacher Education, 2009—present
- New Mexico Public Education Department, Title 1 Committee of Practitioners, 2009—present

**Experience:** I have 23 years of experience in education—20 of these years were spent in public education, and the last three years have been at Clovis Christian Schools.

- Superintendent of Schools, CCS, 2009—present
- Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, CMS, 2007-2009
- Deputy Superintendent, CMS, 2005-2007
- Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, CMS, 2001-2005
- Director of Instruction, CMS, 1997-2001
- Elementary Principal/Title I Migrant Coordinator, Lincoln-Jackson Elementary, 1995-1997
- Title I Migrant Coordinator/Evaluation Specialist, 1992-1995
- Bilingual teacher/Title I Migrant Coordinator, Marshall Jr. High, 1990-1992
- Bilingual teacher, La Casita Elementary, 1989-1990

### **Vision For Classroom/Relationship With Students:**

My greatest desire for our students is that they will recapture their role as culture makers—shapers of a culture that reflects the love and hope of Christ. Andy Crouch exhorts us to recover our creative calling. James Davison Hunter challenges us to a faithful presence—to be fully present as Christians in the arenas of influence where real change happens.

Rather than staying on the periphery of God’s plan for their lives, CCS students must gravitate to the center of that plan. Embrace it . . . Boldly . . . Unashamedly. God equips, positions, and empowers them to fulfill His plan.

God has placed visionary leaders, committed teachers, and God-fearing parents in our students’ path to prepare them for an extraordinary life of service to God and society.

He has given them His WORD as the roadmap for such a life. He has blessed them with talents and abilities. We desire our students to be exceptional academicians who can use their minds well for the glory of God—employing logic, knowledge, understanding, and Godly wisdom to address societal issues and create innovative solutions to complex challenges. We want them to be self-disciplined in their study of the Word and their commitment to fitness for life. We are exhorting our students to tap into every opportunity afforded to them and to seek every day to become . . .

Spiritually Alert  
Physically Disciplined  
Intellectually Acute  
Socially Connected

### **Testimony:**

My mother brought me up in the Baptist faith, and I initially accepted Christ as my Savior in 1966 at a Baptist church revival. However, when I was 13 my family moved away from church. Now, I praise God that all of my family knows and serves the Lord! I sought Christ anew in 1981, and I became a member of the Church of Christ, where I faithfully attended until 1999. I began delving deeply into the Word of God during my time with the Church of Christ, as they placed a strong emphasis, which I still appreciate today, on knowing the Bible. I joined Faith Christian Family Church in 2000 after an extraordinary encounter with the Lord while studying at Oral Roberts University (ORU). My deepest personal relationship with Jesus Christ truly began in 2000 through my experiences, Biblical understanding, and reawakening at ORU. Faith Christian has taken me even deeper in that pursuit, especially after Pastor and Roxanne Swann ordained me as a minister in 2009. I have come to realize that Jesus Christ is my strength and my salvation. He is the reason I live. Outside of Christ, nothing has true meaning for me. I live in a state of grace and find my confidence in knowing His grace covers me. My heart's desire is to honor and glorify Him in everything I do. I am compelled to lead others to Christ and the full understanding of a life lived through the lens of a Christian, Biblical worldview. I am a culture shaper for Christ.