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As a fun way for us to learn about you, please answer these questions.

- Q. What is one thing on your bucket list?
- Q. Visit Antarctica... the last of the 7 continents I have yet to visit.
- Q. What is the last book you read?
- A. Spousework, Partners Supporting Academic Leaders by Teresa Johnston Oden
- Q. What is the last movie you saw?

The Best of Enemies (with Taraji P. Henson and Sam Rockwell).

- O. What is your favorite hobby?
- A. Studying people and then shopping for that one" perfect gift" for them that they need and will love...on sale.
- Q. What is one thing people would be surprised to know about you?
- A. I am an introvert.
- Q. Star Wars or Star Trek?
- A. Star Trek
- Q. What is your favorite meal?
- A. Sautéed Burramundi, based in a light butter sauce, with twice baked potatoes and roasted asparagus with a hint of garlic as sides.
- Q. Rock & Roll, Jazz, Country, Classical, R&B, Disco, Other?
- A. Jazz
- Q. What was your first job?
- A. Teaching poetry to elementary and middle school students in a summer program while I was in high school.
- Q. What is your favorite animal?
- A. Chocolate Lab
- Q. What is the favorite thing about your career?
- A. Seeing students at graduation who overcame great odds to ignite their futures; often, they are the first in their family to graduate. It is not unusual for them to begin college with 15-21 developmental courses they must pass before they could start earning college credit...and yet they graduate on time. I loved seeing their faces as the smiled their broadest smile and then ran to hug me for helping them achieve a dream.
- O. What makes you laugh the most?
- A. Seeing children or adults doing things they instinctively do like free spirited dancing or turning summersaults without any concern for what others think about the activity or them.
- Q. What is your proudest accomplishment?
- A. Being the first in my family to graduate from college and go straight on through school to earn my doctorate after being awarded a Ford Foundation Fellowship.