

Name: Jocelyn “Dannell” Thomas
Title: UNIV 1301 Instructor
Department: First-Year Experience
College: Sam Houston State University

Degrees Earned

Sam Houston State University; Huntsville, Texas – 1995 to 2002

- **Master of Science in Agriculture**
- **Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with a Minor in Secondary Education**

Professional Licensure and Certifications

Certifications Include:

Teaching Certificate in Secondary Education in Agriculture Production, Endorsement on Teaching Certificate for Driver Education, Agricultural Mechanics, Horticulture, Work-Based Learning, Capturing Kids Hearts, Drug and Alcohol Driving Awareness Program, Drug and Alcohol Driving Awareness Train the Trainer, Project CRISS, Professional Development Appraisal System, Test of Adult Basic Education train the trainer, Texas Educating Adults Management System train the trainer, Texas Virtual School Network Web Instructor Certification, School District Auditing Team, Moodle Administrator, and Crisis Recovery Team

Peer-Review Publications and Artistic Performances/Exhibitions

I am a consultant, reviewer, and writer of the books:

- Texas Traffic Safety Education Student Manual
- Texas Traffic Safety Education Student Workbook
- Texas Traffic Safety Education Student In-Car Manual

I lead a team and have helped design, write, and launch four online courses in Texas through the Learning Management System Moodle which include:

- Online Bus Re-Certification Course
- Driver Education 101 – 56 Hour ½ credit school course
- License On Line “LOL” – 32 Hour noncredit course
- Parent Taught Course 101 for Driver Education Students

Research Monographs and Technical Reports

My research and Technical Reports include Grant writing:

As an Education Specialist at the Education Service Center, Region 6, I have worked very diligently in applying for grants from the Texas Workforce Commission, The United States Department of Education, and The Texas Department of Transportation. As a grant writer, one of my responsibilities is to seek additional funding to ensure that our program successfully serves and meets the needs of our school districts. I have submitted applications for a grant proposal titled Self-Sufficient Worker Achievement Training (SWAT) in the amount of \$529,000.00. I have a full understanding of how to seek, apply, write, interpret research, submit, and meet all requirements of a grant proposal. I have also established working relationships with several business partners and training providers such as: Sam Houston State office of continuing education and I understand the operation of The Texas Workforce Commission.

Other researched based grants that I have submitted applications for include: Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of 300,000.00 annually. I received both of these grants for our organization and we have been implementing the two proposals for over five years now. I am in the process of writing four additional grants from TxDOT for the upcoming fiscal year.

I have also been an integral part of writing a Corrections grant from the U.S. Department of Education. I have accomplished the task of applying, writing, interpreting researching, submitting, and meeting all the requirements of a grant.

Funded External Grants

Grants Received:

- Texas Department of Transportation – Bus Safety 101 Certification, Training, and Simulation
- Texas Department of Transportation – Development, Implementation, and Evaluation of Teen Driver Education Workshops.
- Texas Department of Transportation – Ad-A- STEP for Life
- Texas Association for School Boards – Loss Prevention Grant
- TAPS – Drug and Alcohol Driving Awareness Grant

Peer-Review Presentations/Posters

Professional presentations are as follows:

Title: Texas Educating Adults Management System

- **Locations:** Northeast Texas Community College, Angelina College, and Paris Junior College.
- **Dates:** 7/26/05, 8/11/05, and 6/16/06 to present.
- **Audience:** Adult Educators, teachers, program directors and staff.

Title: Test of Adult Basic Education

- **Locations:** Angelina College, Tyler Junior College, Kilgore College, and Angelina College.
- **Dates:** 8/11/05, 10/24/05, 2/11/06, and 3/31/06 to present.
- **Audience:** Adult Educators, teachers, program directors, and staff.

Title: Drug and Alcohol Driving Awareness Program

- **Locations:** Education Service Center, Region VI, Kemah, and Sam Houston State University.
- **Dates:** 2006 to present
- **Audience:** Adult Educators, teachers, program directors, staff, students, and the community.

Work or Professional Experiences

6/2005 to Present	Education Service Center, Region 6, Huntsville, Texas Education Specialist
8/2006 to Present	Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas Introduction to Collegiate Studies Instructor
8/2001-6/2005	Huntsville High School, Huntsville Texas Agri-Science and Teen Leadership Teacher

Honors and Awards**Honors and Affiliations:**

- American Society for Agriculture Engineers.
- Sam Houston State University Student Government Senator during 1996-1998.
- Sam Houston State University Homecoming Queen Candidate in 1996.
- Collegiate National FFA Organization Sweetheart 1996.
- Nominee for Most Outstanding Student at Sam Houston State University 1996-1997.
- Traveled to conduct various poultry, rabbit, and llama workshops.
- Motivational Speaker at the Sam Houston State University Career Day 1998-1999.
- Traveled to five high schools weekly giving leadership and motivational seminars 1995-1996.
- Texas National FFA organization Vice President in 1995-1996.
- American FFA Degree.
- Lifetime Alumni Member for the National FFA Organization.
- Huntsville High School Hornet Hero in 2004
- National FFA Organization Past State Officer Alumni President 2006-2007.
- Lifetime Alumni Member for Sam Houston State University Agriculture Department.
- Board of Directors for Sam Houston Agriculture Alumni 2006 to present.
- Sam Houston State University Lifetime Alumni Member.

Other Competencies**Proficient In:**

- Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Outlook, Internet, Adobe, File Maker Pro, and some knowledge of Access. I have the ability to operate: Copy Machines, Fax Machines, Scanners, and 10-key.

Personal Qualities and Strengths:

- Enthusiastic, optimistic, committed, self-motivated, honest, reliable, multi-task, quick learner, troubleshooting, can work under pressure, strong presentation skills, grant writing and acquisition, team builder, and supervisory experience.

Professional Organizations:

- Council on Adult Basic Education, Texas Association of Literacy and Adult Education, Texas Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association President, and Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas, Teen Safety Coalition for Texas, and SAFETY "Safety Alliance Foundation for Educating Texas Youth.