

Bonnie J Buck Dame

2010 WPHS Alumni Circle of Distinction

In addition to being honored in an international who's who in business and leadership, Bonnie Jo Buck Dame taught graduate programs for several universities both on-campus and online for a number of years. She became an expert in the rarified field of systems analysis—with a particular focus on education.

Bonnie holds a Ph.D. in Training and Learning Technology from Nova Southeastern University, an Ed.S. Specialist in Education from Rollins College, a M.A. in Organizational Communication from the University of Central Florida; a B.A. in Communication Management at the University of Central Florida; an M.S. in Business Management from Florida Research Institute; and a B.S. in Business from Florida Research Institute. Most importantly, she is also a graduate of Winter Park High School.

In addition to her being an adjunct professor for 24 years, Bonnie Jo was Director of Information Management for the American Automobile Association[AAA] for six years during the 1990s. Bonnie began her impressive career at the Kennedy Space Center [1981] as a programmer and computer systems analyst for ITT and TWA, which included systems development activities for NASA. Then, she became a management analyst for Northrop for the government. She later was a marketing project manager and managed analysts engaged in design of data bases for systems development at two additional companies. Bonnie then became principal staff member for Advanced Technologies managing trainers assigned to a \$30M satellite communication project under contract to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. She became manager of computer-based training and development for Phoenix International in 1990, which led to becoming a director at AAA National headquarters through 1996. She continued on as a computer-based training specialist for military and government educational program and as a consultant.

Being busy in business did not deter Bonnie from her love of teaching. She was somehow able to be a top performer in both classroom as well as the business office. Teaching graduate and undergraduate course, she was adjunct professor, Kaplan University Online, 2008 – 2011; University of Phoenix, 1996-2006; Capitol College, 2002-2005; Corinthian College, 2001-2002, Webster University, 1992-2001; and at Rollins College, 1982-1989. Bonnie taught at Rollins college, in the Graduate School of Education and Human Development and in the Community-Oriented Division, and as well as at Missouri's Webster University. She was the chair for the Technology in Business area at University of Phoenix and taught there for 10 years. She also taught 32 different management courses while at Everest University, and was voted "Best

Professor" by both faculty and students.

Bonnie stresses that throughout her varied career, she has remained a faithful WPHS Wildcat.