

JANEAR HANKERSON, ED.D

EDUCATION

Drexel University	Philadelphia, PA	2021
<i>Doctorate of Education, Educational Leadership and Management</i>		
Dissertation: “I’m not laughing at you, I’m learning with you: Using the fundamentals of stand-up and improv comedy to increase student engagement”		
Link to publication		
Concentration: Human Resource Development		
Panel member on EdD subcommittee for EdD faculty and Supervising Professor interviews		
Saint Joseph’s University	Philadelphia, PA	2017
<i>Master of Science in Professional Education</i>		
Graduate Capstone Research: “The Positive Effects of Pre-School on Cognitive and Social Skills for Low Income and Minority Students”		
Moravian College	Bethlehem, PA	2015
<i>Baccalaureate of Arts in Accounting</i>		
West Chester University of Pennsylvania	West Chester, PA	2004
<i>Bachelor of Science in Business Management</i>		

AWARDS

West Chester University Business Idea Pitch Competition- 1 st Place WCU Graduate, Alumni, Faculty, & Staff	2022
Creative Entrepreneur Accelerator Program Grant Recipient	2022
Stout Laughs Open Mic- First Place Attendance	2017 – 2019

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

ArtsQuest Classroom Buddy- Intro to Stand-Up Comedy	2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assisted in developing a six-week program curriculum for adult students, as well as help to plan weekly lessons and implement lessons in the classroom.Followed up with students after each class with class notes and weekly lesson PowerPoints, and provide external resources for students to continue their comedy training. As a final, students performed 5 minutes of their original material.	

National Canal Museum Docent and Tour Guide 2019-Present

- Serve as a docent/tour guide in the museum and work with summer camp groups of students in grades K-6. I give demonstrations of the exhibits and I lead small groups of students as they explore the museum.
- Ensure all exhibits are properly shut down, turned off, and placed in the original position at closing time.

ArtsQuest Comedy Committee 2020-Present

- Serve as a member on the comedy committee of the ArtsQuest nonprofit organization which provides access to art, culture, and educational activities and programs.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

7th & Northampton Studio Productions, LLC

Comedy Writer and Founder 2011-Present

- Utilize my background in finance, education, and comedy to create original content to serve as a source of financial and educational information and as a positive influence on low-income and minority communities.
- Regularly use video conferencing communications including Zoom, Google Meets and Hangouts, and Canvas to produce over 57 in-person and virtual stand-up, improv, and comedy game shows.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT OF ORIGINAL CONTENT

Friend, Family, Follower: The Comedy Game Show 2020-Present

- An original game show where I serve as creator, director, and host and I have performed this show live and in a virtual format.
- I am also responsible for show marketing, designing the game content, and maintaining social media accounts.

Stand-up and Improv for Teachers! 2020-Present

- A four-hour virtual or in-person workshop I created and designed for teachers to learn the fundamentals of stand up and improv to deliver their course content and lesson plans entertainingly and assist teachers to increase student engagement and classroom management skills.
- The course enables teachers to bring their lesson plans and learn to directly apply the fundamentals and receive immediate feedback.

90s Hip Hop Trivia

- A 90s hip hop trivia show I created that incorporates the five elements of hip hop: MC, DJ, Breakdancing, Graffiti, and Knowledge of Self. The trivia questions consist of a range of topics from East coast, West coast, Southern, conscious, gangsta, pop, and underground rap and hip hop.

Financial Advice for Criminals

2019

- Co-created, co-stared, and co-directed an accounting flavored comedy show that used sketch, stand-up, and improv to explain financial advice.
- Responsible for all show content, writing, marketing, and directing. Sold 70 tickets in a room capacity of 195.

Nine Seven

2016

- An original feature-length screenplay described as a comedic adolescent coming of age story. Copyright date: August 21, 2016, Registration Number Pau- 3-837-064.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Kappa Delta Pi- Alpha Theta Chi Chapter

2018-Present

International Honor Society in Education

Meet attendance and service hours requirements, maintain current annual membership dues status, and active voter in board elections.

National Association for Multicultural Education

2017-Present

Member, Region 1 Chapter

Maintain current membership status and vote in board elections.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, AND ACTIVITIES

Second City Chicago Online

2022

Writing 1, Writing 2

Northampton Community College

How to be a Freelance Writer

2020

Helium Comedy Academy Online

2020

Joke Writing Boot Camp

Podcasting 101

Good Good Comedy Theatre, Philadelphia

2019

Producing a Comedy Show

ArtsQuest, Bethlehem, PA

2017-2021

Improv 101 & 201

Intro to Stand-Up

Intro to Sketch Writing and Comedy Writing

Montgomery County Community College

2015-2016

Intro and Advanced Screenwriting

APPEARANCES

Lehigh Valley with Love ComedyPlatz at Musikfest

Host and performer

2019, 2021

Steelstacks

Performer on stage and virtual editions of Improvised Stand-up,
ArtsQuest Member Show, Stand-up Showcase, and Mind Meld.

2018-Present