

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Allen H. Henderson, Ph.D.
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Dr. Allen Henderson is currently Provost and Professor of Psychology at Texas Wesleyan University. He received his Ph.D. in Social Psychology from the University of Houston, his Master and Bachelor degrees from East Texas State University (A&M Commerce). Since coming to Texas Wesleyan in 1979 he has served as Associate Provost, Chairperson of the Psychology Department, Director of Pre-Professional Studies Program, Dean School of Education and Interim Provost. His administrative responsibilities have included overseeing the university academic programs, budget management, operations management, community relations, grants coordination, and accreditation coordination. His teaching responsibilities have included teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in psychology and education. His academic areas of specialization are in social psychological and include the social aspects of effective learning environments and teaching, persuasion and attitude/behavior change, group processes, health psychology and program evaluation. He also is interested in the effective use of technology for enhance learning, thinking and communications.

Dr. Henderson currently serves as a Texas delegate to the National Assembly of the American Cancer Society, on the American Cancer Society's Texas Division Executive Board as the Vice Chair and on the board of the Tarrant County Unit of the American Cancer Society. He has been a volunteer for the American Cancer Society for 22 years.

Dr. Henderson was honored as the American Cancer Society Volunteer of Year in Tarrant County in 2000 and Santa Fe Counseling Center Ally of the Year in 2000. He was selected by his colleagues in 1995 to receive the Earl Brown Distinguished Faculty Award because of his outstanding teaching and community service. He received the University Service Award in 1994 and the Wesleyan Campus Flame Award from the Texas Wesleyan Alumni Association in 1993. He was the 1994 recipient of the Ruby Pin

Award from the Texas Division of the American Cancer Society. The award recognizes the achievements of one public educator volunteer each year. He won the Life Saver Award from the American Cancer Society in 1987. Dr. Henderson has also served on the American Cancer Society's Texas Division Executive Board for eight years and as the chairman of the board and a board member of the Fort Worth Unit of the American Cancer Society for 12 years. In addition, Dr. Henderson was named a Fellow for the Fort Worth Independent School District Adopt-A-School program in 1989, and won the 1987 Individual Volunteer Award for the Adopt-A-School program. In 1987 he also received the Outstanding Volunteer Award from the Mental Health Association of Tarrant County.

Dr. Henderson served for eight years on the Board of Gateway School, which provides alternative education for children with learning disabilities. He has served as the community representative on the site-based management teams of William James Middle School and Versia Williams Elementary School. Dr. Henderson was a member of the Tarrant County United Way Stay-In-School Task Force from 1990-92. He has also initiated the Leadership Wesleyan course at Texas Wesleyan in which students develop their leadership abilities, both on and off campus. From 1994-97 Dr. Henderson received three United Way grants for the KUUMBA Project, a community partnership program designed to enhance the learning opportunities of at-risk students from the Butler/Riverside Communities. "KUUMBA" is Swahili for community. It takes a community to educate a child and that is what this project was designed to promote. The project was a partnership with such groups as YWCA, Campfire, Girl Scouts, Fort Worth Housing Authority, IBM, Youth Sports Council of Tarrant County, Fort Worth ISD and Texas Wesleyan University.

Dr. Henderson recently served as an evaluator for the Fort Worth ISD Alternative Schools from 1996-98 and as a member of the evaluation team for the Fort Worth ISD Reading Initiative. He has also served as program evaluator for the Fort Worth Child Study Center/Cook Childrens' Medical Center - Case Worker Dental Project.

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