

Vitae for  
Pamela Dianne Hill

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

I was born in Duncan, OK, on February 8, 1966. My mother never attended college and my father earned an associate's degree after military service before I was born, but they both always encouraged me to earn a college degree. I was the valedictorian of the Clinton (OK) High School class of 1984, and attended college using a scholarship I received from the Dow Chemical Company. I earned a BS in Chemistry, which was part of an ACS-sanctioned program, from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1988. Although I worked as a chemist for nearly two years, I always desired to become a teacher, and entered the education profession in 1991, teaching at Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa, OK. I returned to SWOSU to earn credits toward receiving a secondary teaching certificate and began teaching secondary school in 1994, and just this summer completed course requirements to earn a Masters in Science Teaching from UTD. My husband, Tom, and I were married in the summer of 1984 and have three daughters, twins who are 24 and a 16-year-old, and two granddaughters who are 5 and 4.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

In 1988, while still working on the last semester of classes needed to earn my Bachelors degree, I accepted a position with USPCI, a hazardous waste disposal company, working as a Labpack chemist. The company relocated at the end of that year, and I took a position with Conoco in Ponca City, OK, as a chemist. At the end of 1989, my husband graduated from college and we relocated to Texas, then again back to Oklahoma; during these years I did not work but stayed home with our daughters. In the fall of 1991, I accepted an adjunct position with Northern Oklahoma College as a chemistry instructor, working there for two terms before we again relocated to Miami, TX, in the fall of 1993. During the spring of 1994, I filled in as an extended substitute math teacher for the Ft. Elliott CISD, then returned to college to work on education credential courses after being hired on an emergency certificate by the Lefors ISD in the fall of 1994. After teaching there for two terms, I was employed by Miami ISD, where I worked from fall of 1996 through the spring

of 2003. In 2003, we relocated our family to Wellington, and I have been employed with Wellington ISD as the head science teacher since then.

#### EDUCATION

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| Clinton, OK High School                | 1984 graduate   |
| Southwestern Oklahoma State University | 1988 BS/Chem,<br>1994-1995 certification coursework<br>2007 graduate chemistry coursework |
| University of Texas---Dallas           | 2009 MS/Science Teaching  |
| West Texas A&M University              | 2007-2008 graduate chemistry coursework   |
| Texas Tech University                  | 2008 graduate chemistry coursework  |
| University of Nebraska                 | 2008-2009 graduate chemistry coursework   |

#### AWARDS

NASA Fly High Class of 2000 sponsor  
Canon Envirothon team coach, state runner-up 2001  
TARC 2003 rocketry competition team coach  
NASA HAS teacher/counselor 2005, 2006, and 2009  
Region 16 Teacher of the Year Finalist, 2007-2008  
Teacher Education Quality grant program, TTU, 2008

#### INTERESTS

I have many interests to keep me busy in my "free time." These include cooking, singing at community events, reading, traveling, skiing, scuba diving, playing tennis and spending time with my family.