

# V I T A

Charles Calvin Best

## *Educational Background*

Hyde School Bath, Maine	Honors Graduate Photography & Performing Arts Emphasis	1980
Hardin-Simmons University Hardin-Simmons University	Bachelor of Education: English & History Graduate School in History	1989 2005-2009

## *Texas Education Agency Teaching Certifications*

English -- First Teaching Field  
History -- Second Teaching Field

## *Work History*

### First Teaching Assignment

Jones-Coldspring High School, 1989-1991, Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD, Coldspring, Texas  
Taught 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors and Gifted/Talented English, Honors Humanities, & Freshman Coordinated Language Arts; Co-Sponsor of National Honor Society; Installed wet/conventional darkroom and wrote numerous articles about school activities for the local paper, supplying photos.

### Second Teaching Assignment

Eisenhower Middle School, 1991-1995, Northeast ISD, San Antonio, Texas  
Taught 6<sup>th</sup> Grade English, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Texas History, then 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors & GT/ELP English & Served as Dream Team Academic Team Leader.

At Eisenhower I coordinated a Young Astronaut Club. Through that endeavor we conducted for several years after-school aerospace-related courses and summer camps, with the latter focusing mainly on K-5 students.

Taught Grade 12 English for several years in Summer School and in the Evening High School program for NEISD. Taught one year at Roosevelt High School (while developing magnet school) of Grade 12 English and Film Analysis.

### Michigan Technological University

Taught eleven summers (1996-2007) at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, MI for the Detroit Area Pre-college Engineering Program in the area of Applied Space Science/Rocketry, an aerospace engineering, college-prep program.

### Administration & Curriculum:

1995/96 - May 2005, Founder & Director K-SAT (NEISD), Krueger School of Applied Technologies Aerospace Magnet School in San Antonio, TX. As the director-administrator, I supervised 17 full-time teachers, 375 students, several part-time staff, \$200,000 in annual budgets, and supervised/directed the development of integrated, standards-based curriculum and additional programs, including 4-6 high-power rocket launches per year. I was also the developer and facilitator of the K-SAT web site. I developed, October 2004, an additional magnet school for NEISD in media technologies, called iMAK (Interactive Media Applications at Krueger), for which I was the director. The focus of both schools was integrated, standards-based curriculum.

During this timeframe I also worked for NASA-Johnson Space Center, developing for them and with Texas A&M's E-Education Department both the Texas Aerospace Scholars Program and the National Science Teacher Workshop. These NASA workshops utilized an integrated, technology-based curriculum with an emphasis on math and science. We developed the workshops in an effort to help teachers generate hands-on, applied content-area lesson plans that addressed what at that time were the new TEKS/TAKS standards. The process was productive, collaborative, and enjoyable.

### *Current Teaching Assignments*

Breckenridge ISD: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade American History and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Journalism.  
Cisco College: Adjunct Instructor, Developmental English

### *Awards*

Received the Christa McAullife Memorial Award for San Antonio, Texas, Twice  
Received the Christa McAullife Memorial Award for the State of Texas, Once  
Received the Air Force Association Award for Teacher of the Year  
Received Varying Photographic Awards over the Years

### *Other Points*

Edited High School Year Book, *The Mansion*; Edited the H-SU *Bronco* Yearbook & was Photo Editor/ Art Director for *Reata* Magazine and H-SU *Brand* Newspaper; was a finish carpenter for H-SU & worked as a carpenter at night for COISD. Before 1986, I was the manager of a local one-hour photo lab. I have extensive skills with computers, conventional and digital photography, varying software applications for photo editing and desktop publishing, and also have extensive experience using Dream Weaver MX for web site development, publishing, and management.

### *Hobbies*

I maintain six horses at The Dusty Hat Ranch, enjoying team-steer roping and trail rides on a regular basis. Photography continues to be a lifelong hobby. I also enjoy writing, reading, carpentry, fishing, learning in general, and listening to many types of music.