



Sonya Harris

EDUCATOR | GARDENER | WRITER | SPEAKER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I am a former Special Education Teacher and the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of The Bullock Garden Project, Inc. I left the classroom so I could help build gardens in schools. I now help all people grow food to increase food independence and sovereignty. I am also the founder of my farm, The Garden Teacher's Yard.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Delivering instruction to all ages
- Developing lesson plans across the curriculum
- Developing modifications and accommodations to meet the academic, physical, social, emotional needs of people in the garden
- Rutgers Master Gardener
- Seed Farming

CONTACT INFORMATION

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CAREER SUMMARY

Founder/CEO

The Bullock Garden Project, Inc.
2017 to Present

- Supervises direction, control, and management of the corporation
- Presides at all Member and Board of Directors meetings
- Monitors ongoing marketing campaigns
- Develops brand
- Leads committees
- Serves as point of contact for clients

Teacher of Special Education

Glassboro Public School Board, Glassboro, NJ
2006-2019

- Provided full-day general education support for academic, behavioral, social/emotional supports and modifications/accommodations to ensure successful learning for children in grades 1-3
- Developed and implemented Individualized Education Plans (IEP's) for children with parents and the Child Study Team
- Developed thematic units and lesson plans to meet the needs of diverse learners

Teacher of Special Education

Woodbury City School District, Woodbury, NJ
1998-2006

- Providing differentiated, multisensory instruction to children (grades 1-4) within a self-contained setting
- Developing and implementing multi-faceted IEP's for children
- Developing measurable benchmarks and monitoring student progress
- Creating and implementing behavior modification plans

EDUCATION

Rider University

MA Teacher Leadership

West Chester University

BSEd Special Education



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SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

- Twitter - @NJGardenTeacher, @BullockGarden
- Instagram - @NJGardenTeacher, @BullockGarden
- The Bullock Garden Project, Inc. Website - bullockgardenproject.org
- Blog - *Seedlings* - Bullock Garden Project, Inc. website
- Blog - *Grow, Run!* - growrunnj.com
- Podcast - *Grow with the Bullock Garden Project* (available on iTunes, Anchor, Spotify, and several other listening platforms)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Contributing Expert/Editor/Writer
 - TheSpruce.com
 - MarthaStewartLiving.com
 - TreeHugger.com
- Meet Sonya Harris - Expert Gardener - Galora (gogalora.com)
- The Bullock Garden Project - Cooperative Gardens Commission (coopgardens.org)
- The Bullock Garden Project is using school gardens to educate kids & feed communities (thegreencities.com)
- Food insecurity, foodscaping and a garden club for the kids, Sonya Harris, Bullock Garden Project - YouTube
- Podcast: *Garden with Kids with Sonya Harris - Gardenerd*
- Faculty, community partners address hunger and nutrition with Glassboro Food and Health Equity Project | Rowan Today | Rowan University
- The Benefits of Growing Your Own Produce (njhi.org)
- Building inclusive healthy communities, one garden at a time | Rowan Today | Rowan University

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2021 Super Woman of the Year - South Jersey Magazine
- 2020 Rutgers Certified Master Gardener
- Project Green Schools 2018 Outstanding Green Education/Program Director
- 2017-2018 Life Changer of the Year Award Nominee
- New Jersey Agricultural Society Teacher of the Year, 2018
- Jersey Fresh Farm-to-School Best in New Jersey Award, 2015-2016
- Regional Coordinator for the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders (CCBD) Division - Responsibilities include regular communication with active groups in each region by phone, state conference, email, etc.; assisting in the identification of needs and the establishment of priorities for meeting the needs in respective regions; monitoring subdivisions to file on time & report annually with CCBD; submit reports on regional activities requested by the chairperson.
- Philadelphia Zoo Teacher Advisory Council - Selected for the 2013-2015 term and continuing for a second term (2015-2017) on the council after taking part in a competitive application process in which ideas on zoo programming for the Philadelphia Zoo's family education center and children's zoo exhibit were shared by applicants throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. Collaboration with fellow TAC members to serve in an advisory role to assist in developing the educational programs and teacher resources used at the Philadelphia Zoo that help promote the Zoo's conservation education programming. Was an integral member in planning the Philadelphia Zoo's first Educator's Night, August 2016.
- NJ Department of Agriculture Top Tomato, Spring 2016 - Received honor by the NJ Department of Agriculture for work being done in the state to promote local agriculture and for providing Jersey Fresh produce to school children in NJ.
- Glassboro Education Foundation Mini-Grant Award Recipient - Wrote & awarded mini-grant titled "Find Your Nook in a Book," introducing & implementing technology (Nook eReaders) to increase access to literature for all students, within a first-grade inclusion classroom.
- Charlotte Newcombe Distinguished Alumni Award - West Chester University, March 2010
- 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year - Dorothy L. Bullock Elementary School, Glassboro, NJ
- 2007 Sam's Club Teacher of the Year
- 2004-2005 Teacher of the Year - Evergreen Avenue Elementary School, Woodbury NJ