

Benay Walker – educational administration and leadership

Why did you choose your degree program? How has it helped you grow personally and professionally?

I chose my degree program, Master of Arts in Educational Administration and Leadership, as I sought to further my educational journey in becoming a principal. This program has given me the knowledge and certifications to confidently fulfill the principal role.

What are you most proud of accomplishing during your time here?

I am most proud of receiving the Distinguished Achievement Award in Educational Administration and Leadership. I am humbled and blessed to be acknowledged and rewarded with this award.

If you could go back in time, what advice would you give your first-year self?

My advice to myself would be to relax and enjoy the ride of learning and growing as an educational leader. We do not learn in a day; we learn daily.

Who helped you the most on your journey?

I have been blessed with top-notch professors and an extraordinary faculty internship advisor, Dr. Kelly Stewart. Her leadership skills are inspirational and guidance invaluable. Words cannot adequately express my gratitude for her throughout this journey. I will forever be impacted and appreciative of my McKendree University experience and the positive role she played.

What's next after graduation?

McKendree has provided me an opportunity to become a principal and share my knowledge and passion with others. I am excited to fulfill the principal role for the upcoming school year.