



CRICKETT THOMAS-O'DELL

Workforce Development Institute

Crickett joined WDI after spending 3 years commuting bi-weekly to oversee the daily operations of a transportation services company owned by a family member based in Washington, DC. Before agreeing to provide her expertise in business development, organization administration and workforce structure development along with policy and procedure creation/implementation, Crickett has spent the bulk of her professional career working in education settings providing consultative services in the areas of college enrollment management, the transition from print to digital learning environments, international educational travel and STEM curriculum implementation at the high school and middle school levels nationally. Her professional career began in telecommunications where she provided stellar services in the voice and data industry.

A graduate of Albany High School (NY), both her undergraduate (Bachelors of Science) and graduate education (Masters of Guidance & Counseling, Masters of Public Administration) were received at Russell Sage College and Sage Graduate School, Troy & Albany, NY where Crickett was very active in campus activities and received several honors and awards for her contributions to campus life. She also played both volleyball and basketball for the Sage Gators.

Crickett and her husband Dennis are the proud parents of one daughter, Brianna (Bre) who after graduating from Shenendehowa High School followed in her parents' footsteps and played collegiate basketball at RIT- Rochester Inst. Of Technology –while studying engineering. Living in Saratoga county Crickett and her family enjoy basketball – she and her daughter Bre are both referees, volleyball and the martial arts – Crickett holds a 5th degree Black Belt in Karate and a 1st degree Black Belt in Judo. A member of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Albany, NY she is active in the Usher Ministry, the Women's Ministry, the Praise/Liturgical Dance Ministry and sings in the Women's Day Choir.

Crickett currently serves as the president of the Saratoga Sparks Girls AAU Basketball organization, the secretary of the Capital District Girls Basketball League, a statistician for the New York State Public High School Athletic Assoc. Media Committee-State Basketball Championships and has served previously on several boards including the Troy YWCA, Troy Boys & Girls Club, RSC Alumnae Association, NYS Association of College Admission Counselors, the National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals, Faculty Member for the National Assoc. of College Admission Counselors, and the Capital District Counselors Association.