

# VEVETTE C. HILL-NWAGBARAOCHA

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Mission-driven senior leader with extensive experience in nonprofit management, higher education, social services, and faith-based community engagement. Proven success in program development, project and budget management, accreditation, government contracts, and cross-sector collaboration. Recognized for compassionate leadership, trauma-informed practice, and the ability to mobilize diverse stakeholders to advance equity, social justice, and organizational effectiveness.

## EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

### **Master of Arts, Systematic Theology**

Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology — Franklin, WI | May 2022

### **Master of Business Administration**

Cardinal Stritch University — Milwaukee, WI | May 2002

### **Bachelor of Science**

University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh — Oshkosh, WI | August 1987

Majors: Political Science & Criminal Justice | Minor: Sociology

### **Seminars in Ignatian Formation (SIF)**

Spiritual Direction Program (Year 2 of 3) | Expected Completion: May 2026

### **Licensure & Certifications**

- Certified Wisconsin Social Worker, License #5922-120 (Exp. Feb 2027, since 1997)
- Walk With Ease Facilitator (2021)
- Behavioral Health in Aging Certificate, Boston University (June 2020)
- Certified Professional Coach: Life, Career, and Wellness Coaching (2018)
- Certified Powerful Tools for Caregivers Facilitator (2016)
- Professional Certificate in Nonprofit Management, UW-Milwaukee Extension (2010)

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Founding member of **Serving Older Adults of Southeastern Wisconsin**, securing Milwaukee County contracts to preserve critical day services for older adults.
- Led successful accreditation of an alternative day treatment school, exceeding Council on Accreditation performance measures.
- Designed and implemented agency-wide volunteer systems, policies, and performance metrics across multiple locations.
- Delivered Trauma-Informed Care training for universities, school districts, and government agencies.
- Recipient of **Marquette University Ignatian Educator of Distinction Award (2025 & 2026)**.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Marquette University Milwaukee, WI

**Assistant Director** | January 2023–Present

Director, Midnight Run; Marquette Action Program Service Immersion & Outreach with Students of African Descent

- Serve as Campus Ministry's primary pastoral resource for Black Catholic students and student organizations.
- Plan and facilitate national and international immersion experiences addressing social justice issues including poverty and immigration.
- Build inclusive faith-based communities that support spiritual growth, leadership development, and student belonging.
- Co-organized the first co-sponsored Messmer High School Sophomore Retreat, engaging Marquette students of color and serving approximately 140 high school students.
- Created and facilitated ten spiritual reflections for students and staff.

Serving Older Adults of Southeastern Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI

**Senior Vice President, Fund Development & Manager, McGovern Center** | January 2019–December 2022

- Key leader in establishing the nonprofit, including governance, board development, policies, charitable solicitation, and state contract acquisition.
- Designed and managed innovative programs aligned with agency mission and funder requirements.
- Built strategic collaborations with Milwaukee Public Schools, Milwaukee Department on Aging, Milwaukee County Parks, and Groundwork Milwaukee.
- Spearheaded a virtual intergenerational program during COVID-19, increasing engagement and community visibility.
- Organized a community Town Hall with city officials, advancing safety advocacy and resident empowerment.

Interfaith Older Adult Programs (Unison) Milwaukee, WI

**Family Caregiver Support Network Director** | April 2016–December 2018

- Directed two government-funded caregiver support programs (AFCSP & NFCSP) in full compliance with state and federal regulations.
- Managed \$500K annual budget, grant proposals, reporting, and program evaluation.
- Oversaw staff and volunteers; implemented evidence-based caregiver training programs.
- Represented organization through public speaking and community education initiatives.

Nurturing Choices, LLC Milwaukee, WI

**Owner / Independent Contractor** | 2007–2016

- Designed and delivered parent education and family reunification services.
- Nationally recognized Nurturing Parenting Trainer, providing training to families and professionals.
- Improved parental protective capacity through trauma-informed, strengths-based programming.

Lad Lake, Inc. Milwaukee, WI

**Program Coordinator** | January 2006–December 2014

- Supervised multiple social services, mental health, and educational programs serving youth and families.
- Managed alternative schools, supervised visitation, AODA clinic, and volunteer programs.
- Oversaw budgets, contracts, annual evaluations, and compliance requirements.
- Supervised 30+ onsite and offsite staff and volunteers.
- Led successful accreditation of ULTRA Day Treatment School and delivered diversity training.

Concordia University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, WI

**Adjunct Professor** | Spring 2011–Fall 2012

- Taught “Managing Change” in the Human Relations program.

**VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

- **Catholic Charities of Milwaukee** Board of Trustees, Program Committee (2023–Present)
- **Archdiocese Black Catholic Ministry Commission.** Commission Member (2019–Present); Co-developer and presenter of *A Place at the Table* facilitation guide
- **All Saints Catholic Church** Catechist; Sunday School Coordinator (2002- Present)
- **Pius XI Catholic High School** Parent Ambassador; Fundraising Leadership (2010-2021)
- **Central City Churches, Inc.** Board Member (2017-2020)
- **Positive Images, Inc.** Teen Leadership Summit Presenter & Mentor (2008-2015)
- **Positive Programs for the Family** Board of Advisors, Leadership Committee Chair (2009-2014)
- **Milwaukee Public Schools** School Council Leadership; Championship-winning Basketball Coach (1999-2013)