

Scott Hollinger, Ed.D.

Scott was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. As a child, he lived in Lima, Perú, for two years, where his father was a teacher at the FDR American School. Returning to the States, Scott went to elementary school in the Columbus, Ohio area and graduated from Vinson High School in Huntington, West Virginia.

Scott attended The Ohio State University in Columbus, graduating with a BA in languages and a BS in education. While teaching Spanish and French at an inner-city middle school, he continued at The Ohio State University, studying deaf education and earning a master's degree.

Deaf education brought Scott to Memorial High School in McAllen, Texas, where he taught English and math, and eventually served as chair of the special education department. In 1989, Scott began his studies in Mid-Management at the then-Pan American University.

Scott worked many years for the McAllen Independent School District. He took the central office position of Supervisor of the Regional School for the Deaf in 1989, became principal of Fields Elementary School in 1994, and then principal of McAuliffe Elementary School in 1998. During this time, he began his doctoral work, graduating from The University of Texas–Pan American in 2001.

A highlight in Scott's professional career, he was named the National Distinguished Principal of Texas in 2003.

In 2005, he accepted the position of Principal at Quest College Preparatory School, a McAllen-area secondary school of the IDEA Public Schools system that opened in July of 2006. During this time, he also served as an instructor in the UTPA College of Education, Department of Educational Leadership.

In 2010, Scott "technically" retired. Now, he works as an instructional coach in association with Educate Texas, a non-profit organization that provides support to schools. In addition, he is a Founding Coach with Teachers College Summer Principals Academy (2005) and continues to serve as a course instructor and internship coach.

In 2010, Scott joined the faculty at Capella University in the Special Education Leadership department, teaching a number of courses, including technology and special education law and finance. In 2013, he began a transition to the Leadership in Education Administration department, where he now facilitates the doctoral level principal internship courses (ED7901 & ED7902). Throughout his time at Capella, Scott has also served as a dissertation mentor for learners in SEL and LEA. He serves on the Special Education Leadership Advisory Committee, has supported Capella through recent accreditation visits, serves as the Clinical Lead for Georgia and the Clinical Lead for doctoral level field experience. Currently, he is working as a subject matter expert in the course revisions for ED7901 and ED7902.

Scott's lovely wife, Judy, recently retired as a senior educational specialist at Region One Education Service Center in south Texas. Together, they have three children. Scott enjoys singing, was a long-time member of the South Texas Symphony Chorale, and has been a minister of music at various churches for over 30 years. He likes to work in the garden and is a self-styled master chef.