

I believe the only way to differentiate ourselves from our competitors is through education.

I have been in government since 1997 and working for a special district since 2003. I really enjoy working in government and I love working for a special district because it is a great combination of my private/public sector experience.

In 2007, I learned of the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) program, which began my journey to the Special District Administrator (SDA) program. I completed the SDLF in 2008 and received my Recognition in Special District Governance.

Because I am passionate about continued education and professional growth, I knew that the SDA designation was the next step in my career to confirm my commitment to working for special districts.

The SDLF program was a good base education for the SDA but for me since my career has been primarily in the finance arena, there was a lot that I needed to learn to make myself a more well-rounded person. I began studying the materials that were recommended and spent time with colleagues who were experts in other areas.

The SDA exam is a rigorous process that crosses all disciplines so you have to have a broad spectrum of knowledge in order to pass. Now that I have the SDA designation I believe that it clearly demonstrates my passion and commitment to professional development and continued education as I mature in my career.

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