



## GRADUATION CEREMONY INTRODUCTION

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Name: Margaret Dawn Stumpf

City: Pittsboro

State/Province: NC

Years in elections/registration field: 13+

**Current position/Jurisdiction:** Director of Elections/ Chatham County NC

**Title/Jurisdiction when first entered Voter Registration / Elections profession**

Director of Elections/ same as above

**Other employment and/or Local Government positions held (in addition to elections)**

17 years with Sara Lee – Leggs Hoisery as District Sales Manager, 4 years as Park Ranger on Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina, Environmental Control Assistant with Buncombe County Solid Waste (NC)

**Education background and/or Professional Associations (memberships, accomplishments, etc.)**

2003 Graduate of Chatham County Leadership Academy, 2005 Certification in Election Administration program in NC – recertified each 2 yrs. Current Vice President and member of the North Carolina Association of Directors of Elections,

**Awards and/or Activities :** Employee of the Month for Chatham County in January 2011, honored by resolution from the Chatham County Commissioners in 2008 and in 2012 for excellent oversight of the elections with minimum problems and the highest voter turnout percentage in the state in 2012.

**Please tell us what the CERA program has meant to you**

When I first came to work in the Elections field in 2001, I had no previous experience in Elections. The North Carolina State certification program gave me a wealth of knowledge about Elections and the people that work in this field. My experience with the CERA program has been a wonderful addition to the knowledge that I acquired about North Carolina Election administration. Meeting other Election administrators throughout the country and learning other practices has enhanced my knowledge and helped me to be a better election administrator. The instructors in CERA and the classes just reinforced the professional experience in a profession that is often seen as part time or sometimes not seen at all by citizens that are involved in the process. Thank you for providing this training. I have already implemented many of the best practices and policies from the CERA trainings. It was a pleasure to interact with instructors and other students who have chosen this profession and I am blessed to be part of it.