

## DIMBIGLIC DEALS.

EARLY VOTING-APRIL 19 - MAY 05, 2018 ★ ELECTION DAY-MAY 08, 2018

## INC Mouse of Representatives District 106 EDUCATION \* JOBS \* HEALTH CARE

Blanche Penn has been involved in the leadership arena for more than thirty years and would like to continue to do it for many more. Blanche Penn is currently a "Ph.D. comdidate" at Concordia University and maintains an A average for the last two years. Her commitment to the arts led her to attain a bachelor's degree in Theater Arts from University of North Carolina Charlotte in 2013. She also holds the Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Concordia University in 2015.

Association Degree from Central Piedment Community College in Business Administration and Human Services.

Blanche was one of the leaders of the Key Father program (Men Taking Children to School on the First Day) which was initiated in 2006-2018 in partnership with the Chicago-based Black Star Project.

She became involved in education issues when one of her children (now 39 years old) was not receiving appropriate services. That led her to became a leader with the Exceptional Children Assistance Center. Through her work, she has empowered participants at seminers, workshops, and conferences on the rights and respossibilities of the developmentally disabled act. Through those effects, Governor Jim Hunt appointed her to the North Carolina Developmental Disability Council board.

The North Carolina Child Advocacy Institute a nonprofit group dedicated to helping children named Blanche Penn to a state award for her work with children. The award "Champion for Children."