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KEY SPECIALIZATIONS

- Certified Special Education (K-12) and Elementary (all subjects K-8) teacher in the state of Michigan.
- Four years of international teaching experience in IB schools.
- Devoted to inclusion of all learners, professional development, and innovation in the classroom.
- B1 German language skills.

EDUCATION

Grand Valley State University

Bachelor of Arts in Special Education (K-12)

Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education (all subjects K-8)

- Cumulative GPA: 3.86 (Cum Laude)
- Conducted literary studies in the following areas:
 - Disproportionality of minorities in special education
 - Perspectives and education of individuals with cognitive impairments in international settings
 - The effects of bias and racism in education today
 - Effective social skill instruction in the classroom

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Winter 2012-2015

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Learning Specialist

International School Stuttgart (IB School) 6th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grade

Stuttgart, Germany

August 2017 – Present

- Co-teaches in English, Science, Math as well as pulls students out of class for 2 periods per week.
- Consults and collaboratively plans with fellow teachers.
- Leads professional development in departmental and whole-school settings.
- Co-created referral model used to identify students with special educational needs (RTI).
- Created and implemented school-wide template for Individualized Education Plans (IEPs).
- Implements current and relevant professional development regarding learning diversity and inclusion.

Primary School Teacher

Moscow Economic School (IB School) 2nd-4th Grade

Moscow, Russia

August 2015 – June 2017

- Utilized research-based practices for teaching academic content in a second language.
- Creatively utilized technology in the classroom to increase engagement and content authenticity (AppleTV, Class Dojo, Google Drive, etc).
- Consulted in the creation and implementation of a new special education policy that adheres to IB standards.

Student Teacher

Grand Valley State University College of Education

Grand Rapids, Michigan

September 2013 – April 2015

Godwin Heights Middle School: 5th-8th Grade Special Education

January – April 2015

- Led IEP meetings with staff and parents and wrote two official Individual Education Plans (IEP).

Jamestown Elementary: 1st Grade General Education

August – December 2014

- Effective in planning, classroom management, differentiated instruction and assessing learners' goals.

Kent Educational Center at Oakleigh: 5th Grade Special Education

January – June 2014

- Full-time student teacher in self-contained classroom for students with emotional impairments.
- Cooperatively created, implemented, and enforced individual student behavior management plans.

Grand Haven High School: 9th-12th Grade Special Education

September – December 2013

- Assisted cooperating teacher in Learning Lab and Community-Based Training program.
- Effectively collaborated with high school staff members (psychologists, teachers, job site coordinators).

JV/Varsity Football and Baseball Assistant/Head Coach

Montague High School and Grand Rapids Northview High School

Montague & Grand Rapids, MI

June 2009-February 2013

- Organized team activities, practices and meetings, as well as communication with parents/guardians.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION

- Duke of Edinburgh Supervisor: *International School Stuttgart*. August, 2018 - Present
- Attended IB Learning Diversity and Inclusion workshop: *Brussels, Belgium*. October, 2018
- Buddy Programme Coordinator: *International School Stuttgart*. August 2018 – Present
- Behavior consultant: *International School Stuttgart*. August 2017 – Present
- SAT Preparatory Class: *Moscow Economic School*. 11th and 12th grade. September 2016 – June 2017
- Private individual English lessons: *Moscow, Russia*. Kindergarten to 11th grade. September 2016 – June 2017
- Lead-consultant in creation of new Inclusion Policy: *Moscow Economic School*. January – May 2016
- Created and implemented behavior improvement plans: *Moscow Economic School*. January – May 2016

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

International Cafe

International School Stuttgart

Stuttgart, Germany

2017 - 2018

- Participates in event that hosts refugees in the Degerloch area by organizing activities for children and adults.

Refugee Cultural Mentor

Lutheran Social Services of West Michigan

Grand Rapids, MI

2013, 2015

- Assisted a seven-member refugee family with relocating to Grand Rapids, MI.
- Facilitated the selection of school, and entry of the youngest child into Kindergarten.
- Taught basic job-related skills to the working members of the family.
- Oriented family members with public services and parks.
- Strove for consistent cross-cultural sensitivity and empathy.

GVSU College of Education Student Advisory Council Member

Grand Valley State University College of Education

Grand Rapids, Michigan

2014 – 2015

- Founding member of a student-led advisory council that collaborates with College of Education professors and administrators regarding current and relevant topics in our department.
- Facilitated discussion and action around the following topics:
 - Integrating more specific guidelines for Student Teacher observations.
 - Pioneering a program in a local school district allowing student teachers to substitute teach while receiving a stipend from the district towards their tuition fees.
 - Opening up lines of communication between College of Education administration, students, and alumni.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Selected to present at the Association of German International School Conference (AGIS): *Response to Intervention (RTI): A Model of Inclusion and Differentiation for All Learners*. January, 2019
- Led school-wide professional development: *Universal Design for Learning (UDL)*. December, 2018
- Trained staff on use of “Prompting as a Redirection”: *International School Stuttgart*. Oct – Nov, 2018
- Led professional development on use of Google Drive in the classroom. 2016
- “Class Dojo” Mentor - *Moscow Economic School*. 2015 – 2017
- Keynote Speaker at GVSU College of Education’s Convocation 2015
- Presented at the “Student Showcase” professional development conference for university students. 2015
- Attended state of Michigan “Council for Exceptional Children” conferences as a member. 2014, 2015

January 2, 2019

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