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EDUCATION

Towson University

Master of Fine Arts and Communication, December 2019-GPA: 4.0

Master of Education, December 2019-GPA: 4.0

Bachelor of Science, January 2014

Art Education-GPA: 3.80

TEACHING

Educational Associate/Instructor-August 2019-Present

Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Center Non-Profit Organization

- Observes and Evaluates over 80 instructors.
- Mentors as an Instructional Leader in the Arts.
- Oversees and critiques lesson plans for art instructors.
- Leads monthly professional development workshops for instructors
- Instructs an Elementary visual arts after school program.

Art Teacher, August 2014-May 2019

Northfield Elementary School/Hammond Elementary School

- Designs lessons/units that engage students with various types of art making.
- Integrates core subject areas with art.
- Teaches art units that allow students to have a voice through creating artwork with rich personal meaning.

Art Teacher, July 2017 and July 2018

Gifted and Talented Howard County Summer Art Program

- Created art lesson plans for third to sixth graders.
- Lead a group of 20 students for several weeks in an advanced art course.
- Taught art units that developed accelerated artistic solutions for young artists.

Workshop Leader, October 2015 and October 2017

Maryland Art Education Association Conference

- Lead workshops that provided student directed activities and lessons to art teachers across Maryland.
- Instructed art teachers about how to maintain a fine art career while teaching full time.
- Allowed teachers to collaborate with other teachers with idea generation games and artistic techniques centered on building constructive dialogue in the art room.

Student Teacher, October - December 2013

Clarksville Middle School - Clarksville, MD

- Developed units that linked skills in critical thinking, problem solving, creative writing, and speaking for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.
- Established a level of high expectations in terms of responsibility and quality of artwork.
- Allowed students to experiment with a wide range of mediums to create imaginative drawings, paintings, and sculptures.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Curriculum Writer, June 2016 – July 2016

- Wrote an art curriculum for the Howard County Public School System Fine Arts Office
- Developed ideas for professional development workshops.
- Collaborated with art teachers amongst grade levels K-12 and art program leaders in order to design assessment goals and art standards that respond to the National Education Standards.

Freelance Illustrator (2015- Present)

- Works on commissions, wedding invitations, album art, and business logos.
- Applies knowledge of Graphic Design with Adobe Suite (InDesign, Illustrator, and Photoshop).

Public Speaker

- Has spoken at professional development workshops for the Howard County Public School System, the Maryland Art Education Association Conference, and Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Center
- Organized a speaking event at Towson University called *Get Lost: Navigation to Creative Engagement* in order to instill a sense of confidence and knowledge about public speaking skills.
- Keynote Speaker at the Empowering Women in Industry 2020 Conference
- Roster Artist and Workshop Leader for the Maryland State Department of Education.

Docent, April 2011 – April 2013

- Designed tours at the Baltimore Museum of Art and created activities for Baltimore City Elementary and Middle School students.

Actor, September 2005-2009

- Humorous Interpretation Actress in a speech and debate forensics team that traveled around the United States while acting competitively at tournaments.

EXHIBITIONS AND COMMISSIONS

- Launch Workplaces Group Art Exhibition in Gaithersburg, MD November 2019- March 2020
 - “Proximity” Solo Art Exhibition at Fringe Salon in Baltimore, MD May –August 2019
 - The “Artful Gift” Exhibition at the 1448 Gallery in Baltimore, MD December 14th- December 22nd
 - Poppy and Stella Solo Exhibition, Baltimore, MD, August 2018
 - Wedding Invitation Commission, Baltimore, MD December 2018
 - Ranazul Solo Exhibition, Columbia, MD, January-February 2017
 - RAW Artists Exhibition at Power Plant, Baltimore, MD, September 2016
 - Logo and Album Art Commission for Indie Rock Band, *Flowers De Moon*, Philadelphia, PA
 - Fused Underground, Group Exhibition, Philadelphia, PA, December 2016
 - Latte Da group exhibition, Baltimore, MD, December 2016
 - Fused Underground, Group Exhibition, Philadelphia, PA, December 2016
 - Bunny Bear Cupcakes Logo Commission, Baltimore, MD
 - Towson Commons Gallery Juried Art Show Those Who Can Do...Teach”, January 2013 - February 2013
 - Radiology Office Oil Painting Commission, Westchester, NY – August 2012
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**HONORS and
AFFILIATIONS**

Maryland Art Education Association Elementary Art Teacher of the Year Award
Howard County, Maryland, 2016

Latin Honors: Summa Cum Laude

Dean's List: Spring 2010 - Spring 2013

Member of Golden Key International Honour Society

Member of National Art Education Association

- Presented a workshop at the 2015 Maryland Art Education Association Conference.
- Created a mural for Armistead Gardens Elementary School Library.
- Worked at the Abilities Network for children with autism and participated in an arts and crafts workshop.

REFERENCES

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