

Greg Ascitutto

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PROFILE

Formally trained in digital journalism, Greg Ascitutto serves as the English Department Head of Garinger High School. Outside of the classroom, he works in the field of poverty alleviation, particularly as it intersects with public mental health, immigrant rights, education policy and homelessness. A native of East Charlotte, his vision is to build neighborhood partnerships that foster economic opportunities for at-risk youth and their families.

EDUCATION

University of Southern California
Bachelor of Arts, Print and Digital Journalism

Los Angeles, CA
Completed: May 2014

- ❖ Received degree with highest honors from USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism
- ❖ Obtained Spanish Minor with highest honors from USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences
- ❖ Completed international study programs in Havana, Cuba (2012) and Auckland, New Zealand (2013)
- ❖ Graduated Summa Cum Laude with 3.95 cumulative GPA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Garinger High School
English Department Chair

Charlotte, NC
July 2017 - Present

- ❖ Oversee English Department operations for 2,000+ students
- ❖ Serve as liaison between 25+ staff and school administration
- ❖ Support novice teachers via coaching and curriculum development
- ❖ Vertically align grade levels, ensuring expectational consistency and linear growth for students year-to-year
- ❖ Horizontally align English curriculum to promote interdepartmental collaboration

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
English Language Instructor

Charlotte, NC
August 2014 - Present

- ❖ Serve as primary language instructor for 30 special-education/40 general-education students per semester
- ❖ Write curriculum responsible for tripling one-year reading fluency growth (400+ students)
- ❖ Design and lead restorative justice courses for emotional and social rehabilitation of formerly incarcerated males
- ❖ Direct after-school and summer credit recovery programs for greatest drop-out risks
- ❖ Organize nonresidential freshman summer camps (curriculum/staffing)
- ❖ Member of the 2014 *Teach For America* Charlotte Corps

Men's Shelter of Charlotte
Housing and Employment Resource Center Volunteer

Charlotte, NC
January 2016 - Present

- ❖ Secure housing and employment for homeless men of Charlotte residing at state's largest shelter
- ❖ Teach résumé building, personal branding, and basic computer skills to 20+ men weekly
- ❖ Create differentiated plans to meet needs of men suffering from both chronic and short-term homelessness
- ❖ Oversee résumé-design collaboration between high school students and shelter clients
- ❖ Implemented shelter-wide file-sharing protocol to streamline job application process

HONORS AND AWARDS

- ❖ *Academic*: USC Global Scholar; USC Renaissance Scholar; Summa Cum Laude graduation designation
- ❖ *Journalism*: 2013 Hearst Journalism Award for Multimedia News for coverage of homelessness in Los Angeles
- ❖ *Education*: UVA/CMS 2016 Beacon Initiative "Shining Light" award for improving school and district culture

SKILLS

- ❖ *Digital Skills*: Sitecore; WordPress; Constant Contact; Radian6; Meltwater News; basic HTML; digital marketing
- ❖ *Language Skills*: English; Spanish (professional working proficiency); AP Style