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PROFILE

Formally trained in digital journalism, I teach and manage English department operations at a Title 1 high school in Charlotte, N.C. Outside of the classroom, I work in the field of poverty alleviation, particularly as it intersects with public mental health, education policy, and homelessness. As a native North Carolinian, my vision is to build regional partnerships that foster economic opportunities for local youth and their families.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
English Department Chair - Garinger High School

Charlotte, NC
July 2017 - Present

- ❖ Oversee English department operations for 1,800+ students by managing a team of 15 licensed staff members
- ❖ Serve as primary district curriculum writer for high-school vocabulary development (65,000+ students)
- ❖ Led team that ranked 1/31 district and 4/481 statewide for academic growth (as measured by NCDPI 2017-2018)
- ❖ Represent the district at internal speaking/public engagements as 2018 Teacher-of-the-Year
- ❖ Differentiate instruction to meet needs of 90+ students (ELL/EC/General Ed) per semester as classroom teacher

EducationNC
Founding Advisory Board Member - EdAmbassadors

Raleigh, NC
July 2018 - Present

- ❖ Worked with statewide team of educators to create “EdAmbassadors” project for EdNC, a nonpartisan think tank dedicated to expanding educational opportunities for children and improving public schools across North Carolina
- ❖ Established digital platform for educators to share skills, experiences, and perspectives on policies and practices
- ❖ Developed brand identity to engage political, nonprofit, private, and public sectors in 100 counties
- ❖ Connect stakeholders in rural and urban settings to enhance a collective statewide voice for public education

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
- ❖ 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:* 2018 Beacon Learning Community Teacher of the Year (represent 1,500+ teachers as district finalist)
- ❖ *Advocacy:* 2018 Johnson C. Smith University’s Upward Bound Distinguished Public Service Award

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
- ❖ Graduated Summa Cum Laude with 3.95 cumulative GPA

SKILLS

- ❖ *Digital:* WordPress; Constant Contact; Salesforce Radian6; Meltwater News; brand development via social media
- ❖ *Language:* English; Spanish (professional working proficiency); AP Style
- ❖ *Interpersonal:* Crisis management; conflict mediation; public speaking; community development