

Greg Ascutto

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PROFILE

Formally trained in journalism and public relations, I teach English 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. My vision is to build regional partnerships that foster economic opportunities for local youth and their families.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
English Language Instructor

Charlotte, NC
August 2014 - Present

- ❖ Plan, differentiate, and deliver instruction to 80+ students (ELL/EC/General Ed) per semester
- ❖ Designed and led restorative justice courses for emotional and social rehabilitation of juvenile criminal offenders
- ❖ Represented the district at internal speaking/public engagements as 2018 CMS District Teacher of the Year
- ❖ Member of the 2014 *Teach for America* Charlotte Corps

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
English Department Chair

Charlotte, NC
June 2017 - August 2019

- ❖ Oversaw scheduling, curriculum development, and staffing for 100 sections of 14 distinct English courses
- ❖ Supervised team of 15 licensed staff members responsible for providing instruction to 1,800 + students
- ❖ Led team to rank of 1/170 (district) and 4/2,600 (state) for school growth (as measured by NCDPI 2017-2018)
- ❖ Served as primary district curriculum writer for high-school vocabulary development (65,000+ students)

EducationNC

Founding Member - EdAmbassadors

Raleigh, NC
July 2018 - Present

- ❖ Co-founded forum for educator-driven networks to connect and share perspectives on policy and practice
- ❖ Established brand identity to engage readers and promote dialogue between rural and urban stakeholders
- ❖ Write features on range of education-related topics, including first-generation college access and school safety

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- ❖ Housing and Employment Resource Center Volunteer: *Men's Shelter of Charlotte*; 2016 - present
- ❖ Ryan White AIDS Grant Evaluation Team Member: *Mecklenburg County*; 2019 - present
- ❖ Board Member/Education Committee Chair: *Charlotte East Area Strategies Team*; 2019 - present
- ❖ Civic Leadership Academy: *City of Charlotte*; 2019

HONORS AND AWARDS

- ❖ 2018 Johnson C. Smith University's Upward Bound *Distinguished Public Service* award
- ❖ 2018 CMS Teacher of the Year (represented 1,500+ teachers as district finalist for Beacon Learning Community)
- ❖ 2019 United Way of Central Carolinas' *Civil Servant of the Year* award
- ❖ 2019 Elevate Lifestyle's "Top 30 Under 30: Future Leaders of Charlotte" selection

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 (3.95 cumulative GPA) with Global and Renaissance Scholar designations

SKILLS

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