

ART EDUCATOR
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EDUCATION

- Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO; BFA in Art Education; Teaching License expected December 2023
- Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI; BFA Undergrad
- Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Kalamazoo, MI; Associates in Art 2011

ACADEMIC HONORS

- Graduated Magna Cum Laude
- Bookstaber & Giardina Art Education Scholarship, 2022

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

STUDENT TEACHING

RIFFENBURGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; FORT COLLINS, CO
OCTOBER — DECEMBER 2023

- Developing lessons for a wide scope of students from Kindergarten to 5th grade in an IB elementary school; with TAB (Teaching Artistic Behaviors) classroom expectations
- Responding to the needs of over 450 students in a fast-paced teaching environment
- Teaching both 2D and 3D units
- Lunch & recess duty and drop-off supervision responsibilities
- Planning, set-up & takedown of district-wide art show

STUDENT TEACHING

WEBBER MIDDLE SCHOOL; FORT COLLINS, CO
AUGUST—OCTOBER 2023

- Developing Lessons for 6th through 8th grade art classes that are culturally responsive and accessible by all ability levels of students.
- Facilitated an 8th grade field trip in coordination with Colorado State University's Art Fest Open house.
- Expanding adaptive art tools for students with special needs and working to create accessible lessons with paraprofessionals working with ILS students.
- Teaching both 2D & 3D units

- Constructing Documentation Centers — Set up new methods for students to document their work professionally with lighting, backdrops, and technology through student laptops.
- Running weekly after school art club with mentor teacher
- Working with MTSS team and participating in IEP meetings with parents

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT; FORT COLLINS, CO
AUGUST — DECEMBER 2023

- Overseeing the well-being & safety of K-8 students in various content areas
- Taking attendance
- Maintaining a the function & cleanliness of the classroom
- Utilizing classroom management skills
- Teaching the provided curriculum

AVID TUTOR

THOMPSON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL; LOVELAND, CO
JANUARY — MAY 2023

- Conducting tutorial sessions in subject areas like mathematics, science, social studies, writing skills and study skills.
- Utilizing Socratic questioning and collaborative learning techniques
- Providing support for students interested in following a path in higher education

MUSEUM TOUR GUIDE

BRAINY (BRINGING ARTS INTEGRATION TO YOUTH) — GREGORY ALLICAR MUSEUM OF ART; FORT COLLINS, CO
2021 — 2022

- Researching and designing tours and accompanying art activities for local school groups
- Managing classroom behavior expectations in a flexible and changing museum environment
- Creating tours that are culturally responsive and differentiated

TEACHING STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

ARTISTIC ABILITIES — COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY; FORT COLLINS, CO
OCTOBER — DECEMBER 2021

- Working with nonprofit organization to design lessons for adult students with disabilities
- Collaborating with coordinators to serve specific student needs and adapt materials and techniques to suit wide scope of ability levels
- Utilize art lessons to help prepare students for real world interactions and social skills

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Culturally Responsive and Sustaining Assessment Practices Workshop: Fall 2023—Webber Middle School, Fort Collins, CO
- Presenter — National Arts Educators Association (NAEA) Spring 2023 Conference: San Antonio, TX
- Presenter & Volunteer — Colorado Arts Educators Association (CAEA) Fall 2022 Conference: Breckenridge, CO

WORK EXPERIENCE

BARISTA & TRAINER; STARBUCKS

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 2015-2020 / FORT COLLINS, CO 2021–PRESENT

Customer-focused barista with 6+ years of experience working in a high-stress and fast-paced work environment. Strength in communication skills, collaboration and attention to fine details.

VOLUNTEER TRAINER & LEAD STUDIO ASSISTANT

ORZO CLAY STUDIO; PORTSMOUTH, VA 2016–2019

Cleaning and maintenance of pottery studio, firing works and helping prepare clay and glazes. Lead in assisting studio manager in workshops and customer service. Developing skills in teaching small groups, running a sculpture group, and booking models. Developed valuable relationships with experts in the field of ceramic arts.

STUDIO ASSISTANT

NORFOLK DRAWING GROUP; NORFOLK, VA 2015–2020

Ensure the success of a weekly, long-running, life drawing group by assisting with set up, break down, and overseeing model booking, community outreach and involvement with local gallery shows.

EXHIBITIONS

- Dual Identities: Bridging Artistry & Education — CSU Visual Arts Complex Mini Gallery — Fort Collins, CO; 2023
- Art & Art History Scholarship Exhibition — CSU Visual Arts Complex Directions Gallery — Fort Collins, CO; 2022
- The Making of Art Educators — CSU Visual Arts Complex Directions Gallery — Fort Collins, CO; 2022
- Annual Member's Show — Box Factory for the Arts — Saint Joseph, MI; 2020
- Small Works Show — Charles H. Taylor Visual Arts Center — Hampton, VA; 2019
- Gallery Opening Show — Studio Evolve — Virginia Beach, VA; 2019
- Alumni+ Art Show — Kalamazoo Valley Community College — Kalamazoo, MI; 2019
- The Artist's Muse Juried Exhibition, 3rd Place Award — Art Studio on the Boulevard — Virginia Beach, VA; 2018

SKILLS

TECH & SOFTWARE

- IOS/Windows
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Adobe Creative Cloud
- Google Classroom
- Canvas
- Blackboard
- Seesaw
- Remote-Learning
- Teams/Zoom

2D STUDIO ART

- Drawing
- Acrylic
- Oils
- Watercolor
- Stone Lithography
- Photo Lithography
- Linocut
- DSLR Photography
- Collage
- Laser Cutting
- Screen printing
- Mural Painting

3D STUDIO ART

- Wire Sculpture
- Plaster Sculpture
- Weaving
- Sewing & Embroidery
- Dye mixing
- Hand-Building Clay
- Wheel Throwing
- Glaze Mixing
- Kiln Operation
- 3D Printing
- Woodworking
- Soldering
- Jewelrymaking