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Education

May 2008 - **Aurora University**
M.A in Elementary Education

Aurora, IL

August 1993 – **Columbia College**
B.A. in Communication

Chicago, IL

Teaching Experience

2011 – Present – **South Berwyn School District 100 in Berwyn, IL**

8th Grade Social Studies Teacher

- Freedom Middle School
 - Revised Social Science curriculum for 6, 7 and 8th grade to better meet the new Social Science learning standards.
 - Implemented the flipped classroom.
 - Awarded as a Touchcast Star Ambassador-2015-2020
 - Used MAP Testing data to determine and set student goals.
 - Leader on the “Apple research Team” project 2016.
 - Integrated the districts 1:1 technology initiative to enhance students learning using the SAMR model.
 - Cultivated a community of life long learners using Problem and Challenge Based Learning
 - Used Schoology Learning Management system in all courses to enhance the student learning experience.

5th Grade Teacher

- Pershing Elementary School
 - Piloted classroom for 1:1 MacBooks and iPads.
 - “Apple Research team” leader in 2015.
 - Lead initiative to integrate coding into the curriculum.
 - Piloted the use of Schoology Learning Management system to enhance student learning.
 - Used Fountas and Pinnell to evaluate student’s instructional reading level.
 - Communicate classroom information and student progress through web pages, conferences and digital resources.

Gifted Accelerated Coach

- Emerson and Pershing Elementary School
 - Implement school wide practices that substantially accelerate the learning of the top 10% of all students and the gifted child.
 - Participated on evaluation teams for gifted students.
 - Evaluates and monitors student academic and social growth, kept appropriate records using formal and informal data collections, methods or tools.

- o Identified students in the top 10% of their grade level and collaborated with team members to assess and accelerate student learning.
- o Received a grant through the NASCAR Foundation to expand the use of STEM in the classroom for \$3,000.
- Taught Summer Leadership Camp for the South Berwyn School District 100 2012-Present.
- Attended Map Training for Teachers – Fall 2015
- Attended the National CUE Conference in Palm Springs, CA (Spring 2016)
- Attended Conference: Illinois Computing Educators in St. Charles, IL (Fall of 2015-2019)
- Attended Conference: Illinois Education and Technology Conference in Springfield, IL (Fall 2015 and 2016)
- Attended Conference: Illinois Association of Gifted Children in Naperville, IL (Winter 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015).

2008 – 2011 – **Lynne Thigpen Elementary in Joliet, IL**

5th Grade Teacher

- Developed lessons based on the Response to Intervention model of student needs.
- Targeted student needs with Daily 5 small group instruction.
- Enriched reading lessons during *Walk to Intervention Reading Program*.
- Served as the 4th and 5th grade gifted instructor.
- Served as team leader for Positive Behavior Intervention system.
- Employed structures of Kagan Cooperative Learning and Multiple Intelligences throughout all subjects.
- Attended conference on *Understanding by Design* in New Orleans, LA
 - o Developed a curriculum to teach Understanding by Design to undergraduates to use in development of Thematic Unit
- Served as school trainer for the MyAccess technology based writing program.
- Use the Blackboard course delivery system in all courses to enhance the candidate experience.

Technology Experience: Integrate various forms of technology into classroom experiences for students which includes; Google Apps for Education, variety of iPad apps for formative assessments, DESMOS, TCI, MAP, Web 2.0, Scratch (instruction of computer code), Appsmashing, Reading A-Z, Schoology, Edmodo, I-Pad's, iBook's, MacBook's, Apple TV, Kindles, Discovery Education, Pearson, Aims Web, My Access, SMART Board, Larson's Math, E-Grades and Microsoft Office Products.

Certification

State of Illinois (K-9), middle school endorsement- Social Science

- Highly Qualified

Professional Organizations

CUE (Originally Computer Using Educators)

ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education)

IDEA (Illinois Digital Educators)

Professional Presentations

The Power of Storytelling Student lead presentation given to our state legislators on the power and influence of technology in the classroom. TECH2019 in Springfield, IL. May 2018

Touchcast: Smart Video Revolution: Interactive Webinar presentation given in April 2018

Snapchat. Yes, I'm, Serious: Presentation given at IETC Conference in Springfield, IL- November 2017-2018.

Touchcast: The Smart Video Revolution: Presentation given at IETC Conference in Springfield, IL November 2017.

Appsmashing: Presentation given at iEngage Education Conference in Berwyn, IL- May 2015 and 2016.

Touchcast: Students Demonstrating Their Understanding and Thinking. Presentation given at the CUE National Education Conference in Palm Springs- March 2016

Touchcast: Creating Interactive Videos. Presentation given at Illinois Education and Technology Conference- November 2015

Going Gradeless in the Traditional Classroom. Presentation given through a Professional Development meeting to teachers in Berwyn, IL- July 2015.

Touchcast: Students Demonstrating Their Understanding and Thinking. Presentation given at the ICE National Education Conference- February 2016

Touchcast: Video Meets the Web. Presentation given at Illinois State T-21 National Education Conference in Normal, IL- September 2015

Making the Move From MacBooks to iPads: Presentation given at Principals Meeting in Berwyn, IL- February 2015

Touchcast: Reaching the Common Core and More. Presentation given at the DeICE Mini Conference in Joliet, IL- July 2015.

Touchcast: Student Examples of Learning. Student lead presentation at Illinois Tech Conference (Tech 2015 and 2016) given to Illinois Senators and Representatives in Springfield, IL- May 2015 and 2016.

Appsmashing. Presentation given as part of internal professional development Berwyn School District 100 – July 2015.

Developing Essential Questions For PBL and CBL. Presentation given as part of internal professional development Berwyn School District 100- August 2014