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- OBJECTIVE** A teaching position in a secondary school history department
- EDUCATION** **Boston College** - Bachelor of Arts in History, Secondary Education Minor May 2001
GPA: 3.7/4.0, Order of the Cross and Crown, Dean's List First Honor Roll
Financed over 65% of education through scholarships, loans, and work
- FULL PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE** **West Bend High School**, Somerville, MA Spring 2001
Student Teacher. Taken over full responsibility for two 9th grade Early World Civilization "A" level classes, will do the same for one 11th grade AP U.S. History class in near future. Run classroom, plan daily lessons, assign quarter grades, spoke with parents and students via telephone and conferences. Early World Civilization courses include numerous students with special needs; all classroom activities, lesson plans, and assessment activities are developed with modifications for special needs students.
- PRE-PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE** **Clancy Wiggum High School**, Dover, MA Fall 2000
Student Teacher. Designed and implemented two formal and numerous informal whole-class lessons for both an 11th grade AP American History course and 4 9th grade Early World Civilization courses. Led class discussions, organized homework and test review sessions, and corrected homework assignments, papers, and tests.
- Wayland Smithers High School**, Peabody, MA Spring 2000
Student Teacher. Worked weekly with five high school history classes, including 9th grade World History courses, an 11th grade AP U.S. History course, and one ESL U.S. History course. Created and conducted one whole-class lessons for 10th grade World History class and devised a follow-up activity. Developed multicultural U.S. History lessons for ESL students from China, South Korea, Trinidad & Tobago, Mexico, El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti.
- RELATED EXPERIENCE** **Ignacio Volunteer**, Belize, Central America Summer, 1998
Volunteered for 5 weeks in Dangriga, Belize. Along with 11 other college students, ran a 4-week summer camp for 250 local children between the ages of 6 and 13. Served as full-time classroom teacher, implementing lessons and activities on a daily basis.
- West Port Summer Camp Counselor**, West Port, WA Summer, 1997
Employed as camp counselor for groups of 12-15 children per week. Groups varied in age from 6-14 years of age. Responsibilities included supervision of athletic and academic activities, constant interaction with children, and serving as role model/mentor to children.
- LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE** **Ignacio Volunteers - Vice-President** 1999
Served as Vice-President of an international volunteer organization dedicated to helping children in need around the world. Assisted in supervising 75 Boston College students volunteering in Jamaica, Belize, Mexico and the Dominican Republic. Reorganized recruiting and application procedures, coordinated social functions and represented the organization at campus functions.
- COMPUTER SKILLS** Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access. Extensive Internet research and presentation skills.