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EDUCATION

Boston College, Lynch School of Education Honors Program
Bachelors of Arts Degree: Elementary Education and Human Development
Honors: Golden Key Honor Society, Deans List

Chestnut Hill, MA
May 2008
GPA 3.69/4.00

National University of Ireland at Galway

Honors: ALIVE Cert Recipient (Prestigious award for community service)

Galway, Ireland
August-December 2006

LICENSURE

Massachusetts Certification, Grades K-6, pending

- Communications and Literacy Skills Test – Passed April 9, 2007
- Subject Matter Test – General Curriculum – Registered to take May 23, 2007

PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE

William H. Macy School

Fourth Grade Full and Extended Practicum Student Teacher

Brookline, MA
September 2007- May 2008

- Differentiated class work, homework, and instruction for a diverse range of learners including English Language Learners and students on IEPs.
- Encouraged active learning by creating a project where students planned and taught a lesson of their choosing to the class. Created an I-movie of the student's lessons.
- Coordinated projects and activities, including a Thanksgiving party celebrating the cultures of the class, to strengthen the classroom community and the relationship between the class, parents, and greater community.
- Helped students to overcome math anxiety by critiquing TERC math lessons, and collaborating with teachers to design and implement math units with an emphasis on encouraging students to build a strong foundation, explore the topics, and enjoy math.
- Applied for and received a scholarship for the entire fourth grade to spend a day at the Boston Museum of Science to supplement the heart unit.
- Evaluated, adapted, and created assessments that students could learn from.
- Collaborated with the fourth grade team, specialists, and principal to plan and implement meaningful lessons, inside and outside of the classroom, to meet MA Curriculum Frameworks.
- Took part in school wide events including, a book club night, "Lincoln Reads," and volunteering at school fundraisers.
- Assumed full responsibility of the classroom for two weeks.

Chauncy Extended Day School

After School Science Teacher- Grade 3

Boston, MA
January 2007- May 2007

- Planned and executed an interactive science unit in which students were taught the basics of force and motion and then able to create questions to research in order to build the fastest model car out of common supplies.
- Collaborated with other science teachers to create a meaningful curriculum to complement in-school science instruction and to meet the MA curriculum frameworks.

Scoil McBird

Galway, Ireland

Fourth Class (Fifth grade equivalent) Pre-practicum Student Teacher

September 2006- December 2006

- Introduced the geography and cultures of the United States through an interactive game comparing the two in Ireland and America.
- Provided one-on-one assistance weekly to the ELLs during individual work and class instruction.
- Wrote an in depth analysis of the similarities and differences between the Irish and American school systems.
- Initiated a pen pal program between Scoil Bhríde students and Boston students.

The Friendship School

Brighton, MA

Third Grade Pre-practicum Student Teacher

January 2006- May 2006

- Adapted a TERC lesson to teach multiplication using paperclips as a manipulative to provide concrete representation.
- Introduced the literary concept, Onomatopoeia, and ways it can be used in writing varying writing prose.
- Supported an English Language Learner in developing reading comprehension, vocabulary, and ability to make connections to text.

George H.W. Bush Elementary School

Newton, MA

First Grade Pre-practicum Student Teacher

September 2005- December 2005

- Incorporated music and art into a Social Studies lesson to inspire writing in the form of an acrostic poem.
- Read weekly to an English Learner focusing specifically on vocabulary.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Office of the Dean for Student Development;

Chestnut Hill, MA

Administrative Assistant

September 2004-May 2008

- Assist five deans and support staff in programming and administrative tasks.

Center for Collaborative Education

Boston, MA

Intern to Director of Development and External Affairs

January 2007 - May 2007

- Studied the high school to college transition and ways to increase college attendance for traditionally low college attendance rate schools.
- Studied pilot schools; networked to get donations and on pre-grant research for pilot schools.
- Supported and assisted employees with projects and initiatives.

LEADERSHIP/ VOLUNTEER

- Allston- Brighton Church- Soup Kitchen Volunteer January 2006- Present
- Boston College Arrupe Volunteer and Immersion Program – Guatemala 2007
- Boston College Student Admission Program Volunteer May 2007- Present
- St. Elizabeth Vacation Bible Camp Coordinator 2005-Present
- Boston College Intersections Program Rat Race Council Member May 2005- August 2007
- Roxbury Charter Prep School- “Kids2College Mentor 2005-2006
- Bird Street Homework Club Volunteer January 2006- April 2006