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Art Educator

Nationally recognized and award-winning art educator and professional artist seeking opportunities in higher education.

Education

Master of Arts in Art Education, 2023

University of Florida | Gainesville, FL

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Concentration: Illustration, 2012

Memphis College of Art | Memphis, TN

Professional Experience

Teacher, Gonzales Middle School

2023 - Present

Taught Fine Arts Enrichment and Art I to 150 students daily. Aided in developing cross-curricular collaboration among teachers. Engaged art club in acts of service.

Training Coordinator, University of New Orleans

2022 – 2023

Coordinate and track training provided by outside vendors to employees. Design and distribute a monthly newsletter. Improved communication between Medicaid and training vendors. Reduced unattended training fees through the establishment of departmental procedures on training requests.

Teacher, McKinley Middle Magnet

2017 – 2022

Taught drawing, painting, and animation to around 180 students daily. Received national recognition from the NAEA and Crayloa. Earned 2 Microsoft certifications. Attained google certification. Aided in developing cross-curricular collaboration among teachers. Engaged art club in acts of service. Recognized by EBRs' school board for community engagement and assistance in curriculum development earning the school multiple awards. Won teacher of the year in 2019.

Assistant Director, 7 Elements Fine Art School

2017

Taught private and group lessons. Administered the day-to-day operations of the summer academy. Enforced timelines and due dates of IEPs and lesson plans. Ensured communication between teachers and parents.

Owner and Operator, Avery Paige Designs

2015 – 2018

Designed and produced custom logos, t-shirts, and other branded merchandise. Negotiated client contracts, presented product demos, and educated clients in design and print methods. Launched a successful statewide fundraising campaign utilizing t-shirt sales.

Administrator, Poppington Gallery

2013 – 2014

Arranged and aided in contract negotiations with MTV. Oversaw the day-to-day operations of the gallery, gift shop, production of merchandise, sales, and show installations. Designed Poppington and Lady Vamp Life merchandise. Upgraded the website, streamlined social media, and created regular content for both. Hired and trained interns in print production, design, merchandise sales, and gallery operations. Facilitated gallery shows and events, secured sponsorships, and negotiated with vendors. Advocated for gallery programming to focus on minority and immigrant artists.

Community Experience

Executive Board Member: Secretary & Treasurer, Louisiana Association of Art Educators 2022 – Present
Prepare, manage, record, and distribute meeting minutes. Keep board members informed. Participating in planning the Fall 2023 conference. Present research, practices, and workshops at LAEA events regularly.

Board Member, State & Local Delegate, East Baton Rouge Parish Association of Educators 2019 -2022
Elected by members to the board, and as a delegate for state and national conventions. Increased engagement in school board meetings. Recruited and advised union members. Campaigned for community schools. Cultivated communication between teachers and parents. Analyzed proposed amendments and resolutions, consulted with committees, and conveyed findings to local and state delegations. Mobilized teachers and community in collective action.

Visual Art PD and Curriculum Consultant, East Baton Rouge Parish Fine Arts Department 2019 – 2022
Orchestrated and taught district professional development for 4 years. Coached teachers in best practices, lesson planning, and more. Contributed to the updating of the district curriculum. Initiated the formation of the district's virtual visual arts professional learning community. Cultivated a creative leadership team. Surveyed teachers, compiled, analyzed, and presented the data findings to district admin resulting in additional resources. Created and presented a low-cost virtual/hybrid curriculum, assembled all needed resources, and made it available district-wide in the virtual PLC.

Arts Coordinator, Debose Foundation 2017 – 2020, 2023
Corresponded with coordinators, the Debose Foundation, sponsors, and participating teachers. Delegated tasks between co-coordinators. Reviewed entries and ensured they were prepared for adjudication. Curated participants' artwork for public display.

Organizer and Fundraiser, Baton Rouge Science March 2017
Spearheaded organization and fundraising efforts. Launched a successful resulting in Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Shreveport, and Monroe marches. Designed and produced Louisiana and science-themed t-shirts. Partnered with non-profits, community activists, musicians, and artists to mobilize hundreds of community members in a march to the capital building.

Certifications and Recognition

2022: NAEA – Crayola Creativity Ambassador. One of 75 educators in the nation chosen as a Crayola Creativity Ambassador, Participated in professional learning sessions focused on leadership and cultivating a creative leadership team.

2021: Microsoft Innovative Educator: Completed coursework through Microsoft for Education Training.

2021: Minecraft Certified Educator: Certified in using and building interactive gamified lessons in Minecraft.

2019: Teacher of the Year: Won Teacher of the Year for McKinley Middle Magnet.

2018: EBR Recognition for Community Engagement: Cultivated collaboration between students and community in the construction of a Best In Parade-winning Mardi Gras float from recycled materials.