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EDUCATION

University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island

Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education, Social Studies, Middle School Endorsement May 2013

Bachelor of Arts in History/ Social Studies

Student Teaching License/ Certificate (Middle/ Secondary), State of Rhode Island (NCATE recognized)

Major: **Secondary Education, History** Minor: **Leadership Studies**

Overall GPA: **3.6 / 4.0** Magna Cum Laude Dean's List

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Co-instructor (classroom teacher), HDF 190

January 2011- May 2011

University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island

Center for Student Leadership Development

- designed and created curriculum
- inspired and created the "leadership website", now a 'signature framework' for the leadership center
- led class discussion/ taught lessons and principles of leadership
- applied a strengths-based approach to leadership providing both challenge and support

Co-instructor (classroom teacher), URI 101

September 2011 - December 2012

Co-instructor (classroom teacher), URI 101

January 2011- May 2011

Co-instructor (classroom teacher), URI 101

May 2010 - December 2010

University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island

Office of Internships and Experimental Education

- provided leadership and guidance to a group of first year students
- encouraged the social and academic development of the students
- coached students on academic success strategies
- coordinated and designed class curriculum

Peer Leader, Leadership Institute

May 2012 and September 2012

Peer Leader, Leadership Institute

May 2011 and September 2011

Peer Leader, Leadership Institute and SMILE Leadership Institute

May 2010 and September 2010

University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island

Center for Student Leadership Development

- facilitated group leadership development amongst first year students
- supervised a group of 12-24 students
- led activities/ workshops

WORK EXPERIENCE

University Tour Guide

May 2010 - May 2013

University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island

Office of Undergraduate Admission

- guided prospective students on campus; tours approx. 2 hrs each
- exercised public speaking skills in order to effectively communicate with groups of 20- 60+
- served as an Admissions Representative
- served two years as a 'trainer' of new tour guides (2 terms)
- consistently received "excellent" performance evaluations

Head of Sailing, Cabin Counselor

June 2012- August 2012

Adirondack Camp, Lake George, New York

- created and organized curriculum, and conducted exciting and original lessons
- developed a racing program (performance sailor class); competed in Yacht Club regattas
- coached racing team who won 1st place trophy and sportsmanship plaques in regional competition
- led a staff of 5 in daily activities
- supervised on and off the water instruction
- monitored and ensured the safety of all students
- maintained and repaired equipment; created inventories and a supplies budget
- served as cabin staff for children: 11-12 years old

Head of Sailing, Cabin Counselor

June 2011- August 2011

Adirondack Camp, Lake George, New York

- served as cabin staff for children: 1) 14-15 year olds 2) 12-13 year olds
- see previous entry for description of duties

Sailing & Waterski Instructor, Cabin Counselor

June 2010- August 2010

Adirondack Camp, Lake George, New York

- served as cabin staff for children: 1) 6-10 year olds 2) 10-12 year olds
- supervised daily routines, camper-to-camper relations, safety of all campers
- served as Waterfront Lifeguard (CPR/ AED rescue)
- designed curriculum/ organized lesson plans for on/ off water instruction
- operated sailing, motor(waterski), and safety vessels

HONORS AND AFFILIATIONS

Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, **Chapter President (3 terms)**Omicron Delta Kappa Emerging Leaders Circle, *Freshman Leadership Award recipient*Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society, **Chapter President (2 terms)**Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society, **Chapter Vice President of Leadership (2 terms)**Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society, *Early Inductee as a Junior rank*

National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Member

Golden Key Honour Society, Nomination

Robert A. Rainville Student Team Leadership Award Nominee (3 times)

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD), Member

National Council for Social Studies (NCSS), Member

University of Rhode Island Sailing Team, Member (1 term)

CERTIFICATIONS

US Sailing Certified Level 1 Sailing Instructor, *US Sailing*Waterfront Lifeguard, *American Red Cross*CPR/First Aid for the Professional Rescuer with AED training, *American Red Cross*Joint Pilot and Engineer Public Vessels (PV) License, *NYS Parks and Lake George*

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Nathaniel Greene Middle School

January 2011- May 2011

Providence, Rhode Island

- worked with a Social Studies teacher to formulate lessons and determine grading procedures
- worked with students in the class who were struggling with classroom content

Rogers High School

January 2012- May 2012

Newport, Rhode Island

- worked in self-contained diverse group of non-native English Language Learners
- languages spoken in class were: French, Spanish, Ordu (India), Creole (Jamaica), Portuguese
- worked with cooperating teacher to implement effective learning and teaching strategies for the students
- developed various differentiated approaches in order to better connect the content with each child, based on their individual needs and knowledge/ language ompetency levels

Curtis Corner Middle School

(4 semesters)

September 2011- May 2013

South Kingstown, Rhode Island

- was a part of team meetings, department meetings, administrative meetings, parent-teacher meetings, IEP/ 504 plan discussions, and professional development days.
- observed and assisted with classroom management, general student assistance
- helped to coordinate lesson plans and create exciting classroom lessons
- pre-professional field experience: student teaching practicum

Warwick Veterans Memorial High School

(2 semesters)

September 2012- May 2013

Warwick, Rhode Island

- Pre-professional field experience: student teaching practicum

****References available upon request**