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PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVE

To obtain a French teaching position or an elementary teaching position and the opportunity to apply my diverse international teaching experiences to elementary or middle school students in the United States. I encourage creativity and responsibility in my classroom, helping to create life long learners and accountable, caring leaders.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ecole Élémentaire Marcel Pagnol, Bouillargues, France

October, 2012 – April 2013

English Language Instructor

- Taught conversational English to students in grades first – fifth and increased written and oral skills.
- Educated French students and improved their knowledge of American culture and holiday traditions through songs, recipes, and activities.
- Collaborated and formed professional relationships with non-English speaking faculty to ensure that all students were capable of learning English.
- Created an English curriculum to be utilized by future English Assistants.
- Worked with private tutors to deepen my speaking, listening, vocabulary, and writing skills in French.

Mazapan School, La Ceiba, Honduras

July 2010 – June 2012

4th Grade Teacher

- Planned and implemented creative lessons that required higher order thinking skills and cooperative learning allowing students to think more abstractly.
- Created centers for core subjects without a curriculum, allowing students more opportunities for learning and growth.
- Instructed small reading groups to all students, increasing reading levels from below basic to on grade level.
- Taught U.S. geography to Honduran students using virtual field trips and simulations, elevating social studies test scores from below basic to eighth grade level as evident through standardized testing.
- Educated students through unique classroom activities such as skyping with world-renowned author Avi, establishing pen pals with other fourth grade classes in the U.S., and taking field trips to other cities.
- Designed and painted an Earth Day mural with students to showcase their understanding to the entire school of how necessary it is to take care of our planet.

Woodlawn Community School, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago, Illinois

August 2009 – May 2010

Teacher Intern

- Planned and taught science lessons using hands-on habitat boxes which furthered student understanding of natural biomes.
- Co-created a writing blog for students which allowed them to showcase their work while also increasing their awareness of ways to publish writing.
- Co-founded a language club which introduced students to French and Spanish language and culture.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION

Provisional Teaching Certificate – Michigan

June 2010

Elementary Education, History (6-8), French (pending)

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

June 2010

Graduate Masters Hours, 9 Credits

General Elementary Education

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

May 2009

Undergraduate Student

Major: Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education

Minors: French & History

COMMITTEES & EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

2011 – 2012: School-wide Recess Policy

- Created and implemented recess and playground rules to be used by all elementary school teachers.

2010 – 2012: Soccer Coach

- Coached soccer for elementary students teaching them teamwork, basic soccer skills, and sportsmanship.

2010 – 2011: Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Evaluation Committee

- Participated in SACS review and school accreditation process.

2010 – 2011: Teacher Evaluation Rubric

- Edited and revised end of the year Teacher Evaluation Rubric to be used by the Elementary School.

ACHIEVEMENTS & SPECIAL SKILLS

Advanced French Skills, Basic Conversational Spanish**Summer Live Abroad – NÎMES, FRANCE***May 2010 – July 2010*

- Lived with a host family and attended Rencontre Internationale for individual and group French lessons.
- Learned how to cook traditional French foods and traveled throughout France.

Semester Study Abroad – MONTPELLIER, FRANCE*January 2007 – June 2007*

- Lived with a host family and attended l'Université Paul Valéry.
- Studied a variety of courses in French to improve my speaking skills and enhance my French minor.

Technology in Teaching: Proficient in DYMO Mimio Interactive Teaching Technologies - iMovie, - Skype

Member of Kappa Delta Pi (International Honors Society in Education)*April 2008 – Present***Member of Delta Gamma Fraternity***September 2005 – Present*

- Vice President: Social Standards (2008)
- Director of Anchor Splash (2007)
- Director of Alumnae Relations (2006)

REFERENCES & LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

English references:

Mrs. Martha Council (Mazapan School Superintendent) – martha.council@dole.com - (country code 504) 2443-2716

Mrs. Donna Dixon (Mazapan School Principal) – donnadixon_1@hotmail.com - (813) 319 -3757

Mrs. Ramona D. Lindsey (Mentor Teacher) – rlindseyinfo@gmail.com - (502) 554 -5609

French references:

Madame Anita Lainel (director) – ce.0301407s@ac-montpellier.fr

Madame Sylvie Santanach (teacher) – sylvie.santanach@gmail.com

Madame Elisabeth Sagné (teacher) – patrick.sagné@wanadoo.fr

English and French reference letters are available upon request.