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SUMMARY

I believe that every child deserves to have a safe, respectful, and nurturing environment where they can learn and develop to their fullest potential. As a secondary education teacher (credentialed in NY, MA, and PA), I specialize in grades 7-12 biology, science and STEM education. In addition to teaching, I'm a head basketball and track & field coach.

PROFESSIONAL

Middle & High School Teacher, Margaretville, NY **August 2021 - present**

Full-time teacher of middle school science, Living Environment (10th grade) and STEM (8th grade) at Margaretville High School, NY. Consistently rated as an "effective" and "highly effective" teacher.

Head Basketball Coach, Margaretville, NY **December 2021 - present**

Head coach of the modified basketball team at Margaretville Middle School.

Head Track and Field Coach, Margaretville, NY **March 2024 – present**

Head coach of the very first track and field program at Margaretville Central School.

Substitute Teacher, Rhinebeck High School **January 2020 - June 2021**

Worked as a substitute teacher for Rhinebeck High School and Bulkeley Middle School, teaching biology, science and many other courses. Asked to work closely with the head biology teacher to deliver lectures in selected subjects.

Student Teacher, Neshaminy High School, Langhorne, PA **Fall 2019**

Worked as the 9th and 10th grade student biology teacher. Throughout the fall semester, I taught four biology classes with approximately 17--28 students each. My final grade was an "A" and my rating was "Superior".

Camp Counselor, Camp Carton (Free To Be Me), Hopewell Junction, NY **2016 - present**

Worked every summer since 2016 as a summer camp counselor for middle-school aged children with Tourette's Syndrome, supervising eleven children (with another counselor) 24/hours a day.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Secondary Education, Biology, Delaware Valley University, PA, June 2019.

CREDENTIALS & CERTIFICATIONS

NYS Initial Certification- April 27, 2022 (following COVID certification issued January 7, 2021).

PA Teaching Certification - October 29th, 2020.

MA Teaching Certification - July 8, 2021.

CPR & AED Certified - November 8, 2021

NY Temporary Coaching License - November 8, 2021

NY coaching classes completed - Health, Science and Philosophy of Coaching

NY coaching class in progress - Theory and techniques of coaching

Student Teaching completed December 2019, at Neshaminy High School, PA (final performance evaluation rating "Superior")

NYSTE Workshops: DASA, Child Abuse Identification and School Violence Intervention & Prevention

NYSTCE Educating All Students, completed July 6, 2020.

PA Praxis State Certification in Biology, completed July 8, 2020.

NY State 160 - NYSTCE Biology Credential, completed July 21, 2020.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Track and Field Athlete & Coach

2007 - present

As well as my work as head coach of the basketball & track teams at Margaretville middle school, I competed at the high school and college level in track & field and cross-country. I qualified for NY state championships, achieving Class C Third Team All League titles and Second Team All Section in 2012. In college, I competed on the Delaware Valley University Track team and cross country teams.

Animal Care Expert

many years

I have extensive experience with animal care and education. I'm also a long time owner and admirer of birds and reptiles.

SERVICE

Special Olympics, Villanova University

Fall 2018

I worked to assist the cross-country athletes as they prepared for and competed in the Special Olympics.

Trevor Zoo, Millbrook, NY

2013 - 2015

I spent two summers as a volunteer and intern at the Trevor Zoo in Millbrook, managing the feeding and care of the boa constrictors and pythons, and birds owls, hawks, emus and turkeys. I was in charge of helping plan, stock and prepare the meals, as well as caring for the animals themselves and their habitats.

Summer Camp Counselor, Rhinebeck, NY

2011 - 2015

I worked as a summer camp counselor during weekly Sunday School and Bible Camp at the Church of the Messiah in Rhinebeck throughout high school.