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**Education**

**Kutztown University of Pennsylvania – Kutztown, PA**  
**Bachelor of Science in Education: Pre-K to Grade 4** – *May 2024*  
• Graduated **Cum Laude**, GPA: 3.5  
• Dean’s List: Fall 2022 – Spring 2024

**Blue Mountain High School – Schuylkill Haven, PA**  
**High School Diploma** – *June 2016*

**Certifications**

• Pennsylvania Pre-K–4 Instructional I Certification  
• Current Child Abuse, FBI Fingerprint, and Criminal Background Clearances

**Core Competencies**

* Early Childhood & Elementary Education (Pre-K–Grade 4)
* Standards-Based Instruction (STEELS, Elevate Science)
* Classroom & Behavior Management
* Technology Integration (Google Suite, Microsoft Office, Interactive Boards)
* Differentiated & Inclusive Instruction
* Parent Communication & Progress Monitoring
* STEM & Inquiry-Based Learning
* Team Collaboration & Cross-Curricular Planning

**Teaching Experience**

**Elementary Science Teacher**  
**Panther Valley Elementary School – Nesquehoning, PA**  
*Grades K–3 | August 2024 – Present*

* Teach science across K–3 using Elevate Science and STEELS standards, aligning lessons to state benchmarks and school-wide goals.
* Design and deliver developmentally appropriate, inquiry-based science instruction that fosters curiosity and hands-on learning.
* Incorporate cross-curricular connections with ELA, math, and SEL into daily science instruction.
* Use a range of assessments to track student understanding, including performance tasks, STEM projects, and science journals.
* Integrate technology, STEM kits, and digital tools to support diverse learning needs and engagement.
* Collaborate with instructional teams to enhance curriculum and support student growth school wide.
* Participate in PD on science literacy, inclusive practices, and classroom innovation.

**Professional Semester – Student Teaching**  
**Tilden Elementary Center – Hamburg, PA**  
*2nd Grade | Jan 2024 – May 2024*

* Planned and taught ELA, math, science, and social studies lessons aligned with PA Core Standards.
* Used flexible grouping and differentiated instruction to meet varying student needs.
* Managed daily routines, behavior expectations, and transitions independently.

**Pre-Student Teaching Field Experience**  
**Blue Mountain West Elementary – Friedensburg, PA**  
*2nd Grade | Sept 2023 – Dec 2023*

* Delivered whole-group and small-group instruction under the supervision of a mentor teacher.
* Implemented formative assessments and supported classroom management strategies.

**Substitute Teacher**  
**ESS – Hamburg Area School District**  
*Dec 2023 – May 2024*

* Served as a substitute teacher in multiple K–5 classrooms across Perry and Tilden Elementary.
* Adapted to various learning environments and followed teachers’ plans to ensure instructional continuity.

**Instructional Assistant**  
**Adventures Academy Early Learning Center – Orwigsburg, PA**  
*May 2021 – Aug 2021*

* Supported lead teachers in daily instruction for preschool and pre-K students.
* Assisted with lesson implementation, classroom routines, and student engagement.

**Professional Development & Memberships**

• Member, Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA)  
• Attendee, Spring 2023 ESL Conference

**Technical Skills**

• Google Classroom, Docs, Slides, Forms, Drive  
• Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint  
• Smartboard & Interactive Displays  
• Seesaw, ClassDojo, and other classroom tech tools

**References**

* **Dr. Paula Jones** – Principal, Panther Valley Elementary School | [jonesp@panthervalley.org](mailto:jonesp@panthervalley.org)
* **Joan Honicker** – Cooperating Teacher, Tilden Elementary Center | [joahon@hasdhawks.org](mailto:joahon@hasdhawks.org)
* **Dr. Amy Kennedy** – Professor, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania | [akennedy@kutztown.edu](mailto:akennedy@kutztown.edu)
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