# Curriculum Vitae

# Tachelle Wilkes

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### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Accomplished Writer
- Curriculum Developer
- Assessment Tools
- Guided Reading
- Literature Circle
- Workshop Facilitator
- Individualized
  Education Plans
- Creative Lesson Planning
- Student Motivation
- Parent-Teacher
  Communication
- Healing Infused Education

# **TESTIMONIALS**

"I hired Tachelle as a blog writing coach and she has been phenomenal. The quality of my writing has improved faster than I ever imagined and the process has been enormous fun. I'm now pumping out really high-quality articles that are moving and inspiring my readers."

— M. Fourman

Dedicated, resourceful, and goal-driven professional educator and workshop facilitator with a commitment to the social and academic growth and development of every student.

An accommodating and versatile individual with the talent to develop inspiring hands-on workshops that will capture a student's imagination and prepare them for success.

Aptitude to remain flexible, ensuring that each person's learning styles and abilities are addressed.

Superior interpersonal and communication skills to foster meaningful relationships with students, parents and staff.

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Curriculum Writer / Workshop Vendor

Femmixx Brooklyn  $\sim$  September 2012– Present I develop English curriculum for grades 6-12. I facilitate parent workshops to improve children's literacy. I also manage self-esteem workshops for girls and teacher workshops on using the novel Amanda's Ray to engage students.

# Certified English Teacher (10th grade)

El Puente High School, Brooklyn ~ 2006-2012

I instructed English classes to tenth grade students and served as support for special education. Augmenting student learning though one-on-one instruction, ensuring a comfortable learning experience and ability to actively participate in the learning process.

#### **Teacher**

Bell Foundation, New York ~ 2005-2006

I developed and taught reading strategies to kindergartners and fifth graders. I increased literacy levels by devoting additional time to reading and I effectively altered lessons to accommodate lower reading and language levels and implemented positive regard strategies.

# Adjunct English Professor

College of New Rochelle, Bronx ~ 2005-2007 In this role I facilitated courses such as: Library As A Research Tool, Translating Experience Into Essay, and Modes of Analysis. meet the academic, intellectual and social needs of students.

# EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

# Brooklyn College, 1999

MA in English and American Literature.

# North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University,

#### Cum laude, 1997

BA in English with a concentration in secondary education.

# PERSONAL QUALITIES

Patient, compassionate and Trustworthy.

# TECHNOLOGICAL PROFICIENCY

Word, Publisher, Excel, Data compilation and Internet Research.

# **REFERENCES**

Bevon Thompson 202-560-8027

Erick Fischer 718-715-5018

# Certified English Teacher (9th grade)

Bedford Academy High School, Brooklyn, NY  $\sim 2003\text{-}2004$  I instructed English curriculum, designing and developing programs to meet the academic, intellectual and social needs of students.

### Teacher (9th-12th grade)

Thomas Jefferson High School, Brooklyn, NY  $\sim 2002\text{-}2003$  I instructed and developed curriculum for English, ESL, communication arts, creative writing, and self-esteem classes to high school students with diverse learning abilities.

### Parent Organizer

Medgar Evers College, Brooklyn, NY ~ 2000-2001 I advocated parents for their children's education by offering guidance and organizing workshops. I facilitated literacy workshops for parents. There was a strong element of PR work to this role that included; continued contact with parents, schools, and media via telephone and fax. I was responsible to book interviews for the director of the Parent Leaders Program. I managed special projects such as graduation and wrote press releases when required.

### **Employee Relations Editor**

Department of Transportation, NY  $\sim$  1998-2000 My role involved creating photo layouts, designing handbook formats. I researched, compiled, and edited safety & health information for publications such as: The Right to Know Handbook, and Safety and Health Handbook.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS & HIGHLIGHTS**

Accomplished writer for Source Magazine, Vibe, One World, Redeye, College Bound, B-gyrl.com, Elemental Magazine, Special Supplements Newspaper, MLM Casting and other publications and venues.

Featured in media such as Scratch Magazine, Amsterdam Newspaper and on BBC Radio, WWRL Radio, ABC News and Hispanics Today on NBC.

Motivated students to take charge of their own learning and set their own goals. Documented progress, enhancing student improvement in both understanding and performance.

Maintained effective behavioral management by incorporating motivational workshops for girls' self-esteem using positive reinforcement strategies.

# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND RECOGNITION

My high school students have performed at the United Nations Conference on Healing Through the Arts.

Young Alumna Award from Brooklyn College for teaching, publishing and Lady Beat Maker documentary, October 2010.