

DEVAN SKAPETIS

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OBJECTIVES

To obtain a position where I may share my knowledge and experiences with students in order to instill a passion for learning.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Experienced International Baccalaureate teacher
 - Science Department Head experience
 - Selected as AP Reader for Physics
 - Department lead on training of staff for digital platforms during COVID-19 shutdowns
 - BS, Oceanography, University of West Florida
 - Fluent in several coding languages including Python, Java, Javascript, HTML5, and CSS
 - Advanced Placement Physics (1 and with Calculus) Teaching Experience
 - Florida Department of Education Professional Certification (license number 1195367) in the subjects of Physics and Primary Education
 - Curriculum writing experience (Physics and Astronomy)
 - District Assessment item creation experience (Physics and Physical Science)
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EDUCATION

BS, Oceanography, University of West Florida – Jacksonville, FL; earned 2012. Sample courses include Physical Oceanography, Chemical Oceanography, Weather and Climate Systems, Biogeochemical Cycles of the Ocean.

WORK EXPERIENCE

TEACHER, Ridgeview High School, Orange Park, Clay County, FL
2016-Present

- My duties include teaching physics at multiple levels throughout the day in a rural school. The classes I currently teach are IB Physics I, IB Physics II, AP Physics C, Astronomy Honors, Physics 1 and Physics 1 Honors. Besides managing my classroom, I have also been the National Honor Society Advisor, Swim Coach and Robotics Coach (FTC). I have been named "Teacher of Merit" from the Regeneron Talent Search. Additionally, I have been on the curriculum writing team for physics, astronomy and physical science at the district level.

TEACHER, Engineering for Kids Jacksonville, Duval County, FL
2013-2016

- Duties include teaching primary age students (5-11) topics in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math in a classroom setting during the summers. While practicing learned classroom management strategies, I facilitated the students in their learning about topics including animation, mechanical engineering, video game development, and more. I also wrote the curriculum for several coding/programming sessions.

TEACHER, First Coast High School, Jacksonville, Duval County, FL
2012-2016

- Duties included teaching physical science, physics, and Earth and Space science. While teaching, I also was the head coach of the girls swim team, the boys' tennis team, and the School Technology Contact.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

- Teacher of Merit awarded for mentoring a student to the top 300 young scientists in the Regeneron Talent Search.
 - National Honor Society Advisor for Ridgeview High School
 - Girls Swimming Head Coach - First Coast High School 2013- 2016, Ridgeview High 2018
 - Tennis Head Coach - First Coast High School 2014
 - School Technology Contact - First Coast High School; set up computer labs, diagnosed all technological issues related to networks, hardware, and software throughout the school.
 - Volunteer researcher for NOAA monitoring local Harmful Algal Blooms 2015-present
 - Mentor, Immigrant Legal Resource Center of Northeast Florida 2010; a mentor for autistic students.
 - Volunteer, Guana Tolomato Matanzas, National Estuarine Research Reserve Environmental Education Center, St. Augustine, FL, 2009-2010; educated grade school students visiting the reserve during field trips.
 - Passed FTCE Computer Science, Engineering 6-12, Elementary K-6, and ESOL K-12. Additions to certification as needed.
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HOBBIES AND PERSONAL LIFE

When I am not in the classroom teaching, I dedicate as much time as possible to my family including my wife and 2 boys. On a normal day, I come home and engage with my children teaching them to be a respectful, inquisitive, and strong learner. Whether I am working on reading skills, playing games with them or simply watching bugs, the time I spend with them is a joy to me. In my spare time, I dedicate myself to learning new skills including cooking, coding, and playing guitar.

REFEREES

Richard Black
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First Coast High School Department Head

Andrew Urban
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Personal Recommendation (Friend of 18 years)

Robert Mitchell
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Personal Recommendation (Former Supervisor and Friend)