

# KASSANDRA LENTERS

## EDUCATION

### University of Toronto

Toronto, ON | *Bachelor of Education*, OISE | Sept 2014 to present

### McMaster University

Hamilton, ON | *Honours BA: Multimedia* | Sept 2009 to May 2013 | Minor in English

### Hamilton District Christian High School

Hamilton, ON | Ontario Secondary School Diploma | Sept 2005 to June 2009

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Videographer-Photographer for Multimedia Literacy Website Development

Ontario Institute for Studies in Education | Toronto, Ontario | Oct 2014 to present

For this Work-Study program, I am working on the Balanced Literacy Diet, which is a website dedicated to supporting teachers in implementing effective literacy practices. As a Videographer-Photographer, I visit a variety of schools to take photos of classrooms, and capture video footage of interviews with teachers. I also assist in maintaining the YouTube channel, and edit photos and video footage for the website.

### Webmaster/Design & Communications Assistant

Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance | Geneva, Switzerland | July 2013 to July 2014

While interning at the EAA, I was primarily involved in the design and maintenance of the organization's various websites. Other responsibilities include the maintenance of listservs and email databases, social media presence, newsletter submissions, video editing, graphic design, photography, and general tech support. I also had the opportunity to assist with online discussions and live streaming for the General Assembly, and prepare resources for the AIDS 2014 Interfaith Pre-Conference.

### Piano Teacher

Self-Employed | Hamilton, ON | Sept 2009 to June 2013

I taught private piano lessons, which involved organizing times and weekly lesson plans, as well as teaching in a fun and engaging way. This was accomplished through the incorporation of many elements, such as games, listening exercises, sight reading exercises, creative song writing, worksheets, etc. to create an interesting and diverse learning experience according to student interests and learning styles.

### Approved Basketball Official

Hamilton Board of Approved Basketball Officials | Hamilton, ON | Oct 2011 to May 2013

As a basketball official, I was in charge of properly running and maintaining control over the tone of all assigned games. I have officiated games for many ages and levels, involving both NFHS and FIBA rule sets.

### Residential Cabin Leader

Canterbury Hills Camp | Hamilton, ON | June 2012 to August 2012

During the summer of 2012, I worked as a Residential Cabin Leader for boys and girls from the ages of 8 to 15 at an overnight camp. I led unit-based groups with my co-leader(s) and worked one-on-one with children with various disabilities (including children with Autism, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, & ADHD). My role also involved initiating planning for the weekly program with the campers, as well as actuating "creative programming" activities.

### **Camp Counsellor**

Scott Mission Camp | Caledon, ON | June 2010 to Aug 2010 | June 2011 to Aug 2011

I was a counsellor for girls from the ages of 7 to 18 at an overnight camp for children and teens from the inner city of Toronto. I led various cabin groups with a co-counsellor, and was involved as a vocalist on the Music team. I also assisted in leading many activities, including Crafts, Photography, Sports, and Wilderness.

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

#### **Compassion Leader**

The Meeting House | Toronto, ON | Nov 2014 to present

As Compassion Leader, I am the link between my Home Church and the Downtown Toronto site Compassion Coordinator. This role involves coordinating volunteer opportunities, promoting local and global compassion efforts, and encouraging other in my Home Church to get involved and cultivate a lifestyle of compassion.

#### **Webmaster and Design**

Maisha=Leben | Geneva, Switzerland | Toronto, ON | Jan 2014 to present

I managed the re-branding project for Maisha=Leben, which is a non-profit organization that works to provide education for high school students in Tanzania. For this project, I designed a new logo, social media graphics, and document templates. In addition, I designed and created a new, responsive website for the organization. I currently maintain the website and provide technical support.

#### **KidMax Children's Program**

The Meeting House | Hamilton, ON | Sept 2007 to June 2013 | Toronto, ON | Oct 2014 to present

I have volunteered in the KidMax program as a Small Group Leader, then Coach, at the West Hamilton site. As Coach for the 3-year-old's room, I organized volunteers, and ensured that the ratios were maintained and security procedures were followed. I am currently involved as Small Group Leader at the Downtown Toronto site, leading games, crafts, story, and other activities in the classroom.

#### **Student Teacher**

Oakridge Junior Public School | Toronto, ON | Oct 2014 to Nov 2014

I completed the first practicum for my BEd program in a Grade 4 class, where I worked independently and in collaboration with other teachers. During this 4-week practicum, I designed lessons based on the Ontario Ministry of Education curriculum, and incorporated technology into lessons when possible. During the practicum, I co-organized and ran the Remembrance Day assembly with other teacher candidates, and assisted in coaching the girls' basketball team.

#### **Children's Ministry Volunteer**

Crossroads Church, Ferney | Ferney, France | September 2013 to July 2014

Crossroads is an international and highly multicultural English-speaking church, where I had the opportunity to work with children and families from various countries. I worked primarily with the 4-10's age group as a Small Group Leader, Craft Room Leader, and Quiet Games/Prayer Room Leader.

#### **Outreach to Refugees in Canada - Meal Host**

Micah House | Hamilton, ON | July 2007 to June 2013

Micah House is a Christian organization that provides safe shelter and settlement assistance for refugees in Canada. As a meal host, I prepared and shared monthly meals with Micah House residents, and spent time in community with them.

### **Jr. High Club Leader**

Inner City Outreach at St. David's Church | Hamilton, ON | Oct 2012 to May 2013

I volunteered weekly and worked with other leaders in mentoring and providing a safe 'hang out' space for Jr. High students from the inner city of Hamilton. My role involved leading games, devotions, snack, and other activities, as well as fostering relationships with the students involved.

### **Graphic Designer**

StratComm Event at McMaster University | Hamilton, ON | Nov 2012 to April 2013

As the graphic designer for the annual StratComm strategic case competition, I worked on identity and branding for the event, and created the event logo, posters, and social media graphics. I also assisted in planning the event - along with the rest of the StratComm Planning Committee - and acted as a judge.

### **Teen Club Leader**

Inner City Outreach at St. David's Church | Hamilton, ON | Oct 2009 to Dec 2011

I spent time volunteering at a weekly program for teens from the inner city of Hamilton. Here, I assisted in serving food, as well as leading games, devotionals, music, and other activities. In addition, I offered support to the teens involved through fostering relationships in one-on-one and group settings.

### **Classroom Assistant**

Calvin Christian School | Hamilton ON | May 2010 to June 2010 | May 2011 to June 2011

In May-June of 2010 and 2011 I volunteered as a classroom assistant at CCS. In 2010, I was involved with a Grade 1 and 4 class - returning in 2011 to Grade 4. I worked one-on-one with students struggling with certain subjects, assisted with ELL students, helped to answer students' questions, and assisted teachers wherever needed. In addition, I led reading and creative writing activities in small groups, and taught math and spelling lessons to the Grade 4 class.

### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Adobe Photoshop | Dreamweaver | Illustrator | InDesign | After Effects | Edge Animate | Premiere Pro | Flash | Muse | Max/MSP | Final Cut Pro | Drupal | Wordpress | Typo3 | HTML | CSS | PHP | FTP | MailChimp | SurveyMonkey | SmarterMail | Facebook | Twitter | Podio | Flickr | Prezi | DSLR photography | Video production | Animation | Autodesk Maya | Cubase 5 | Reaper | Audacity | Google Docs | Google Analytics | Windows and Macintosh OS | Microsoft Office | Open Office

### **ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS**

- o McMaster StratComm Case Competition - First Place (2012)
- o Dean's Honours List (2010-2011)
- o McMaster University Entrance Scholarship (2009)
- o Ontario Scholar Award (2009)
- o Ontario Secondary School Diploma (2009)
- o Royal Conservatory of Music - Grade 8 Piano (2009)
- o Hamilton District Christian High School: Certificate of Excellence (2008)
- o Hannah Jun Memorial Scholarship (2007)

### **INTERESTS**

Basketball | Music | Graphic & Web design | Working with children | Camping | Travelling | Food