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## Objective

Communication professional currently seeking a full-time teaching position in Communication/English. I am committed to exercising my professional, established, and hardworking demeanor in any situation with which I am presented.

## Education

California University of Pennsylvania, California, PA

Master of Arts in Teaching: Secondary Education Communications/English/Media May 2016

GPA: 4.0 \*Awarded "*Outstanding Achievement in Language Arts Education*"

Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies: Radio and Television

December 2014

GPA: 3.9 \*Named "*Outstanding Graduate*" in program

## Teaching Experience

Laurel Highlands High School, Uniontown, PA

Spring 2016

### ***Student Teacher – Grade 10 Academic English/Sports Broadcast Journalism***

- Facilitated learning of 10<sup>th</sup> grade students using student-centered lessons and activities
- Established positive classroom environment and professional rapport with students
- Devised unique and original lesson plans, standards aligned, that met curriculum demands
- Utilized many student-centered learning techniques, including cooperative learning, discussion, student-led investigation, and performance – specific topics: Poetry, *Julius Caesar*, Grammar, Writing
- Created activities that connected to students' lives to make literary works relevant and interesting
- Modified curriculum and assessments for a English Language Learner and various Special Education Students in the regular education classroom
- Collaborated with a co-teacher to deliver lessons, provide supports, and increase student success in full-inclusion classes
- Attended English department meetings to collaborate with colleagues on current issues impacting student learning
- Implemented appropriate and effective technologies into instruction to facilitate learning
- Coached students individually in areas of: composition, grammar, literature, and journalism
- Cultivated and maintained professional relationships with all faculty, staff, and administration

Trinity High School, Washington, PA

Fall 2015

### ***Field Experience – Grades 10, 11, 12 Speech/Journalism Electives***

- Observed Speech, Debate, Journalism, and Creative Writing classes
- Interacted with students to discover individual needs and interests
- Delivered a mini-lesson on radio news writing and delivery

Uniontown High School, Uniontown, PA

Spring 2015

### ***Field Experience – Grade 9 English***

- Observed 9<sup>th</sup> grade Honors and Academic English classes
- Interacted and helped students with vocabulary review and poetry concepts
- Gave an impromptu mini-lesson on public speaking

Elizabeth Forward High School, Elizabeth, PA

Fall 2014

### ***Field Experience – Media Lab***

- Observed students in grades 9-12 as they visited the media lab to work on projects and iPads
- Assisted students with computer assisted technologies and gave positive feedback
- Interacted with students during morning news broadcast
- Learned about "bookless" learning as all students were issued iPads for interactive learning

California University of Pennsylvania, California, PA

2012 to 2015

***Teaching Assistant***

- Worked closely with the professor during class and operated classroom technology
- Created seating chart, grade spreadsheet, managed online homework, entered grades, etc.
- Interacted with students and addressed the class when necessary

**Communication Experience**

WJPA Radio, Washington, PA

2014 to Present

***News Anchor and Reporter***

- Gather facts and information to write local news and sports stories for airing
- Prepare sound bites – both local (recorded) and national/international
- Update and maintain the news webpage using Dreamweaver software
- Deliver 5-10 minute live newscasts on the hour and half-hour
- Cover meetings, gather facts, interview officials, and maintain positive relationships

California Area High School, Coal Center, PA

2006 to Present

***Public Address Announcer – Girls and Boys Varsity Basketball and Varsity Football***

- Operate venue sound equipment
- Review rosters and meet with coaching staff for correct pronunciations
- Combine crowd appropriate music with professional announcing while adhering to WPIAL code of conduct

Jonny D Disc Jockey Services, California, PA

2002 to Present

***Self-Employed Disc Jockey***

- Transport, set-up, and operate mobile sound equipment
- Entertain crowds with appropriate and fun music
- Professionally meet with clients to plan events, such as weddings
- Announce bridal party, entertain crowd, and emcee at various times
- Manage and maintain an up-to-date music collection

Armstrong Cable, Connellsville, PA

Summer 2014

***Local Programming Intern***

- Worked with coordinator to shoot, edit, and air specials on local cable channel
- Operated professional HD camera, tripod, and microphones
- Gained skills in shooting sporting events, pageants, concerts, cooking shows, and more
- Developed interesting ideas for future shows and ways to feature local talent

California University of Pennsylvania, California, PA

2012 to 2015

***Public Address Announcer – Vulcan Baseball***

- Operated venue sound equipment
- Reviewed rosters and met with coaching staff for correct pronunciations
- Clearly and accurately articulated athlete names
- Combined crowd appropriate music with professional announcing while adhering to NCAA standards

***Master of Ceremonies – Cal U/Valley Independent Scholarship Dinner***

- Welcomed, introduced speakers and scholarship recipients and their families in a large auditorium
- Reviewed script and make necessary changes
- Worked with scholarship committee

WCAL Radio, California, PA

2011 to 2015

***On Air Jock***

- Operated station equipment such as: console, computer software, and request phone line
- Produced weekly show by choosing music and talk content
- Produced and delivered hard news and weather

## **Leadership Experience**

California Area School District Foundation, California, PA

2014 to Present

### ***Trustee***

- Meet and discuss with board members to implement recommendations and actions
- Volunteer and organize events to raise money for student scholarships

Washington County Democratic Committee, Washington, PA

2014 to Present

### ***Elected Committeeman*** (California 4)

- Meet with county officials and deliberate with fellow committee members
- Work the California 4 poll and complete various projects for candidates

Cal U Sport Shooting Association

2013 to 2015

### ***Founding Member***

- Ran meetings and addressed club matters with constituents
- Deliberated issues and delegated responsibilities among members
- Established meetings, competitions, practices, and fundraisers

Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science

2012 to 2015

### ***Science Fair Judge***

- Attended annual regional meeting
- Worked with other judges to observe, make comment, and score scientific presentations
- Helped students to revise their projects and encouraged them to compete at the state level

Scholastic Clay Target Program

2011 to 2012

### ***National Ambassador*** (One of two in the United States)

- Represented program as a liaison
- Positively spoke to press, media, and other organizational leaders about the program
- Attended national competitions and meetings

## **Administrative Experience**

California University of Pennsylvania, California, PA

2011 to 2015

### ***Office of the Provost/Academic Affairs, Graduate Assistant***

- Interacted with University staff and faculty in a professional manner and workplace
- Completed routine tasks such as: answered telephone, retrieved mail, made deliveries
- Filed papers, letters, reports, and operated office equipment and software

## **References**

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