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OBJECTIVE: Social Studies Master Teacher with more than 18 years' experience seeks a long-term career in a Greater Philadelphia Area school district as a secondary teacher.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Served as Social Studies Department Head for a new charter school and ensured readiness for adoption of college prep curriculum including AP courses.
- Taught AP courses to a diverse group with more than 35% of students obtaining necessary scores for dual credits (scoring between a 3-5).
- Achieved the highest pass rate for African Americans on the AP American Government exam in Florida for over two years at the A rated Miramar High School.
- Contributed to 87% of African American Males in Senior Class of Miramar High School graduating which was the highest rate in Broward County and contributed significantly to the school maintaining an A grade by the state.
- Ensured that a record 70% of secondary students taught went on to pursue post-secondary education over career.
- Won the Outstanding Teacher Award in Norfolk City Public Schools in 2003.

SECONDARY EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT HEAD AND MASTER TEACHER

N.E.W. GENERATION CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

August 2013- October 2013

Broward County School District, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

As a Master Teacher, taught Advanced Placement World History and General World History to sophomore students. Collaborated across the school district with other AP leads to formalize best practices for AP curriculum. Created curriculum and ensured that all teachers in department met state standards. As Department Head, monitored department faculty's lesson plan development to ensure effectiveness of teachers. Evaluated teachers in the classroom to contribute to annual performance reviews. Led Teacher in-service training on "Addressing Common Core Standards in Weekly Lessons"

HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER

MIRAMAR HIGH SCHOOL

August 2011 – June 2013

Broward County School District, Miramar, Florida

Taught AP American Government, AP Macro Economics, General American Government, and General Economics to seniors. Students repeatedly excelled district averages on Advanced Placement exams and standardized assessments by more than 20%. Served as active member of School Advisory Committee (SAC). Served as Broward County Union Steward and disseminated info on the union activity to faculty.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER

CORAL GLADES HIGH SCHOOL

August 2006- June 2011

Broward County School District, Coral Springs, Florida

Taught AP World History, American History Honors, World History Honors and General American History. Served as Secretary of the School Advisory Committee (SAC) recording minutes and drafting all correspondence between the administrators, teachers, and the community. Chaired the Black History Committee for 5 years creating a program for Black History month, which included daily announcements/facts and a special lunch assembly, which included community leaders, entertainers, and African inspired cuisines.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER

Ocean Lakes High School

August 2004- June 2006

Virginia Beach City Public Schools, Virginia Beach, Virginia

Taught General World History and American History to sophomores and juniors. Ensured lessons met needs of a diverse student base including college-bound, vocational, and exceptional students. Exceeded benchmarks for instructional effectiveness established by state and national entities. Presented information using a variety of instructional techniques/formats, such as role playing, simulations, team exercises, group discussions, videos, or lectures. Awarded Model UN finalist designation in 2004. Member of School Improvement Committees.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER

Booker T. Washington High School

August 2003-July 2004

Norfolk City Public Schools, Norfolk, Virginia

Taught General World History to sophomores. Ensured lessons met needs of a diverse student base including college-bound, vocational, and exceptional students. Awarded Outstanding Teacher award in 2003.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER

Campbell High School

August 2002-May 2003

Cobb County Schools, Smyrna, GA

Taught General American Civics and Economics to college-bound senior level students. Leveraged a variety of instructional techniques/formats to ensure sufficient learning gains and retention of subject matter by students. Measured learning gains by designing criteria referenced tests tied to state standards and curriculum.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER

Southwest DeKalb High School

August 1997-May 2002

DeKalb County Public Schools, Decatur, GA

Taught World Geography, World History and American History to 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students. Leveraged a variety of instructional techniques/formats to ensure sufficient learning gains and retention of subject matter by students.

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

COORDINATOR OF AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM

Assessed tutoring needs and secured staff to support needs. Maintained budget for program and administered invoices and payments.

- Miramar, Florida
- August 2011-June 2013.

ASSISTANT DEBATE TEAM COACH AND HEAD COACH FOR MOCK TRIAL TEAM

Provided students with guidance to formulate and develop effective arguments to utilize during practice debates, mock law trials and competitions.

- Decatur, Georgia
- October 1997-March 2000

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EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION

Pennsylvania Teaching Certificate for Social Studies Grades 7-10 (Certified since May 2014 valid until 2020)

Florida Certified Social Studies Teacher Grades 6-12 (Certified since 2006)

Ed. S– Higher Education Administration– *The George Washington University, 2006*

Coursework included: Finance for Higher Education, Law for Higher Education Management, Grant Writing, Organizational Management, Current Issues in Higher Ed and Leadership

Masters of Arts – Education/Adult Education – *Central Michigan University, 2001*

Coursework: Instructional Design, Learning Experience Design, Needs Analysis, Migrating to Online Learning, Adult Learning Theory, Curriculum Design and Instructional Technology

Bachelor of Science - History - *Florida A & M University, 1996*

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REFERENCES PROVIDED UPON REQUEST.