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**Education and Training in Theatre and Speech education**

University of Missouri — Columbia, MO, United States      1993-1996

Baker University — Baldwin City, KS, United States      1996 - 1998

**Certifications**

Speech and Theatre K-12 Missouri Certification

**Experience**

Theatre, Speech, Film Teacher (9-12) Sept 1999 - May 2021

Central High School — Saint Joseph, MO

Theatre Teacher (9-12) Sept 1998 to May 1999

Grandview High School — Grandview, MO

**Leadership:***Missouri State Thespian Board of Directors*

- Develop and run a statewide theatre conference each year for over 2000 Missouri theatre teachers and students
- Facilitate and evaluate the selection of the shows that perform at the yearly theatre conference
- Develop and run a statewide technical theatre competition for the yearly theatre conference
- Workshop training theatre teachers during the leadership conference

*Mentor Teacher, Central High School*

- Mentor new teachers during their first year of teaching

*Fine Arts Gala Chairperson, Central High School*

- Plan and design the end of year Fine Arts celebration for the Central High School Fine Arts Department.

*Building Representative, MSTA Saint Joseph CTA*

- Attend monthly meetings
- Create a monthly informational video distributed to the membership

**Awards and Recognitions**

1. St. Joseph PTA Founders Day Award, 2018
2. SJSD District Teacher of the year, 2017-18
3. St. Joseph Fine Arts Teacher of the Year, 2005
4. MSTTA Outstanding reporting of news and education, 2016
5. 21 Blue Star Musical Theatre Nominations and 7 Blue Star wins for Musical Theatre

### **Additional Information**

Growing up in Saint Joseph and being an active member of my church and an Eagle Scout, I learned the importance of community service. As a teacher, I believe I am an ambassador of the school within the community. Every year, I help produce all after-school and community Fine Arts activities and special events in the auditorium. Some of the events include Running lights and sound for the Choir, Band, and Strings programs and other activities such as sports recognitions and district events. I value and believe it is essential to support these other activities. Activities provide an excellent opportunity to welcome the community into the school and provide positive interaction for the students and community members.

Below is a list of activities and organizations I have proudly worked on:

#### **A Chance to Dance:**

The biggest community event we host every year is the "Chance to Dance" Annual fundraiser for the Northland Women's Health Shelter, produced in cooperation with a local dance studio.

#### **Church:**

As an active member of Wyatt Park Christian Church, I am proud to serve by running the sound and video equipment during Sunday Services. · Collaboration with Robidoux Resident Theatre and Missouri Western Theatre departments: Throughout the year, I have the opportunity to help the other Saint Joseph Theatre Arts organizations by volunteering my time. This opportunity has been an extraordinary partnership because both of these organizations have given back to Central Theatre.

#### **Arts Scape:**

Each year, I enjoy working with the Arts Scape project through MWSU by producing a one-day workshop for over 100 local students.

The spring Drama Team performances: Over the last 17 years, I have toured theatre performances of Junie B Jones stories, Puppet theatre, and Improv shows to almost every primary school in the district. We have used theatre as a way to teach responsibility and kindness.