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EDUCATION:

Metropolitan State College of Denver
Denver, CO
2008-Present
Earned B.A. in English in 2010

Community College of Aurora
Aurora, CO
Earned Associate of Arts degree in 2004

University of Northern Colorado
Greeley, CO
1999-2000

WORK EXPERIENCE:

South High School; Denver, CO
Spring, 2010

I completed my final field study at South High School. There, I worked with Jennifer Rinaldi, a 12th grade English and Drama teacher, and a winner of the Denver Distinguished Teacher award. While at South, I was afforded the opportunity to perform the following:

- Work with various students from all walks of life. South high is an English language hub for the Denver Public School district, and as a result, roughly half of their student population was born in a different country, some having only been in America for a few years.
- Work closely with an experienced English teacher, one who was recognized as a Denver Distinguished Teacher in 2006.
- Grade essays and exams independently, as well as enter grades and attendance for each student.
- Present a lesson on *Othello* which helped the students better understand the play.

Merrill Middle School; Denver, CO
Spring, 2009

I completed my first field study at Merrill Middle School. There, I worked with Kathy Larson, a 6th grade Earth Science teacher, and Jerry Olson, a 6th grade Language Arts teacher focused on special needs students. While at Merrill, I was afforded the opportunity to perform the following:

- Work closely with two beginning teachers in different subject areas, gaining insight to what I could expect in my first years teaching.
- Attend school budget meeting, where I observed how budgets are determined, how they affect the hiring/firing of teachers and support staff, and how decisions are made by members of the community.
- Attend an interdepartmental meeting, where all the 6th grade teachers collaborated on curriculum and discussed which students needed advanced placement, and which students were falling behind.
- Attend a field trip to the Denver Zoo, where I was put in charge of a group of ten students for the day. I needed to make sure the group was accounted for, that there were no disciplinary problems, and that my students attended a presentation on animals provided by the zoo.

Denver Youth Poetry Slam; Denver, CO
11/2005-Present

Since 2004, I have been actively involved in Denver's poetry community, and in the late months of 2005, I helped build and cultivate the Denver National Youth Poetry Slam team. Volunteering with this community has given me the chance to work closely with a team of six students, both individually and as a group, to prepare them for national competition with 50+ other teams from all over the county and abroad.

- I was a coach of the youth team from 2006 through 2009 along with a handful of other adults.
- I have volunteered hundreds of hours, working with students on presentation, editing, and collaborative writing.
- I have hosted countless poetry workshops to students of all ages and backgrounds.
- I also accompanied the teams to Washington, DC and Chicago as a guardian of the students, accounting for their safety and participation in poetry-related events.

EDUCATION EXPERIENCE:

Metropolitan State College of Denver: Denver, CO
2008-Present

At Metro, I have completed a variety of courses in education, including:

- Issues of Multicultural Education
- Application of Education Technology
- Teaching Literature and Communication
- Foundations of Education Psychology

Along with the literature courses required for English majors, as well as maintaining a 3.67 GPA and making the Dean's list in 2009-2011.