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Teaching Portfolio Website

Elementary educator with a deep commitment to **equity-focused**, **community-rooted** teaching. Specialized in writing and math leadership, **project-based learning**, and **Science of Reading** instruction, with a track record of **driving measurable student growth** across diverse learner populations.

EDUCATION

Invitational Summer Institute — San Diego Area Writing Project (UC San Diego)
Selective Leadership Institute | Earned Course Credit, July 2026

- Earned Teacher-Consultant certification through the San Diego Area Writing Project (National Writing Project), demonstrating proficiency in the 6 Social Practices of NWP leadership development
- Collaborated with educators in professional dialogue and demonstration lessons
- Identified for continued leadership development opportunities

Master of Education and Multiple Subject Teaching Credential with ELAM Authorization
University of California, San Diego, CA, June 2024

- Elementary Mathematics Education Concentration Program (4.0 GPA)
- Specialized Coursework: Advanced Math Teaching Practice (K-6), Teaching English Language Learners, Equitable Education Research & Practice, Inclusive Education Practices, Innovative Instructional Practice
- Awarded *Golden State Teaching Grant ($20,000)*, 2023/2024
- Awarded *California Retired Teachers Association Scholarship ($3,000)*, 2024

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, focus in Child Development
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, May 2019

- Graduated on *Dean's List* and awarded *First Class* standing
- Last 60 credits grade: 85.1% (UBC grade level equivalent = A Average)
- Awarded *Outstanding International Student Award ($4,000)*, 2015/2016
- Relevant coursework: Educational Programming for Highly Able Learners, Education of Students with Autism, Childhood and Adolescence, Infancy

EXPERIENCE

SST Coordinator for Upper Grades
4th Grade Elementary Teacher

- ***Writing PD leader***

5th Grade Elementary Teacher
High Tech Elementary North County, San Marcos, *Title I school*, August 2024 - present

- Designed and facilitated 14 interdisciplinary fieldwork experiences, engaging students in real-world learning beyond the classroom
- Led grade-level team in planning and executing six public exhibitions showcasing 5th-grade student inquiry projects
- Appointed as inaugural 5th Grade Career Week Lead, spearheading program development, parent outreach, and community coordination (stipend role)
- Coordinated two 5th-grade promotion ceremonies, collaborating with grade-level teams and support staff to celebrate student achievement
- Piloted Desmos math curriculum alongside Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI) with 25 students, driving an average Math MAP growth score in the 64th percentile nationally
- Fostered strong proactive communication channels through weekly newsletters and by delivering targeted interventions through Student Success Teams (SST)

- Delivered explicit, systematic literacy instruction grounded in the Science of Reading to support EML students.
- Integrated Word Connections curriculum to strengthen multisyllabic decoding skills

Student Teacher

Baker Elementary, San Diego, *Title I school*, October 2023 - June 2024

- Served kindergarten students in predominantly Spanish-speaking low SES community
- Co-developed and piloted Math Transformations, an asset-based assessment tool adopted for district-wide implementation in San Diego Unified
- Implemented Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), Culturally Relevant Pedagogy, Universal Design for Learning (UDL), and Response to Intervention (RTI) frameworks
- Provided targeted support for students with IEPs, 504 plans, and Multilingual Learners through collaborative SST processes

Substitute Teacher

San Diego Unified School District, San Diego, October 2023 - November 2024

- Established rapport and community with students across diverse grade levels while adapting to varied curricula and classroom contexts

Academic Consulting

e3 Consulting, Encinitas, CA, January 2023 - August 2024

- Provided educational support and consultation to students and families through assessment driven data

Instructional Aide (level II)

Solana Santa Fe Elementary, San Diego, CA, September 2022 - June 2023

- Provided instructional support in Kindergarten and 4th/5th grade combination classrooms
- Delivered designated English Language Development (ELD) instruction across K-6th grade

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CERTIFICATIONS

Specialized Training

- Project-Based Learning (PBL) Design Camp, High Tech High Graduate School of Education
- Science of Reading (SoR) - Evidence-Based Literacy Instruction
- Ellevation - English Multilingual Learner (EML) Strategies

Curriculum & Assessment Experience

- Really Great Reading (SoR)
- Word Connections (empirical multisyllabic decoding curriculum based in SoR)
- DIBELS Assessments (literacy screening)
- Amplify - Desmos (math curriculum)
- Second Step/Self & Match (socioemotional learning)

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

SDAWP's 18th Annual Spring Conference - San Diego Area Writing Project, February 28th, 2026
39th Annual Mathematics Conference - Greater San Diego Mathematics Council, February 4th, 2024
64th California Mathematics Council - South Annual Mathematics Conference, November 2-3rd, 2023

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Classroom Educator *Otay Ranch Academy for the Arts, Chula Vista, 2021 - 2022*

- Instructing ELA and Math in two 8th grade self-contained classroom

Inclusion Aide *Jericho Kids' Club – Child Care Society, March 2021 – July 2021*

- Inclusion staff for a nonverbal autistic kindergartner

Program Leader *Jericho Kids' Club – Child Care Society, January 2020 – July 2021*

- Develop a daily program schedule based on the children's interests and developmental levels that include indoor/outdoor, active/quiet, and individual and group activities

Research & Lab Experience *University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, May 2018 – July 2021*

- Progressed from Research Assistant to Research Manager at the Centre for Infant Cognition, overseeing 20+ RAs and graduate students
- Clinical Lab Manager who coordinated research design, ethics applications, and grant proposals at the Depression, Anxiety, and Stress Lab

- Awarded UBC Work Learn International Undergraduate Research Award ($4,500) twice (2018 & 2019)

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

Casa de Amistad, Solana Beach, CA
Tutor, April 2022 - 2023

- Tutor and mentor underserved Latinx students