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### Professional Experience

#### STUDENT TEACHER

**January 2011- May 2011**

##### **Franklin Fine Arts Center**, Second Grade, (Chicago, IL)

- Aid classroom teacher in classroom management, lesson planning, and executes daily activities
- Created a four-week social studies curriculum that focuses on community involvement, celebrates the City of Chicago, and educates students about the economy
- Lead a Classroom Economy management system that emphasizes student self-responsibility and teaches students how to budget a classroom currency given for positive behavior
- Lead a six-week take over of the classroom by being held responsible for all lessons, classroom management, and interaction with administration and parents

#### STUDENT TEACHER

**August 2010- December 2010**

##### **Barkstall Elementary School**, Third Grade (Champaign, IL)

- Reformatted established curriculums in reading and mathematics to be more engaging and address student needs
- Led lessons that focused on academic progression while also supported students' emotional needs through a Nurtured Heart method of classroom management

#### CAMP COORDINATOR

**May 2010- August 2010**

##### **Park District of Oak Park** (Oak Park, IL)

- Promoted to position of Camp Coordinator after working two summers as a Camp Counselor and the following two summers as a Camp Director
- Supervised five day camps throughout the village, facilitated communication between the administration of the park district and camp directors
- Planned an end of the year event for all 500 summer camp participants that promoted various small businesses in the community by hiring their services for the event with a budget of \$3,000

#### MEMBER COORDINATOR

**November 2008- May 2010**

##### **Vis a Vis Tutoring** (Champaign, IL)

- Oversaw placement of over twenty volunteer tutors in Champaign schools
- Communicated with eight school counselors in the Champaign area to place student volunteers from the University of Illinois with students struggling in academic areas at the elementary and high school level
- Increased student membership by 10 percent over the course of participation in the organization

### Certification and Academic Achievement

#### HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHER

##### **Illinois State Board of Education** (Springfield, IL)

**expected May 2011**

- Met all state requirements to be certified in Elementary Education, grades K-5 in the state of Illinois
- Endorsed in subject areas of social studies, general science, and language arts
- Highly qualified to teach Elementary Education, grades 1-5 in the state of Louisiana
- Responsible for developing and implementing a five-week summer school curriculum for inner city youth at Teach for America's Summer institute in Atlanta, GA

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCES

##### **University of Illinois - Urbana** (Urbana, IL)

**expected May 2011**

Major: Department of Education,

Cumulative GPA: 3.66

GPA in Major: 3.93

Minor: Department of Urban and Regional Planning