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EDUCATION

CUM GPA: 3.55

California State University, Chico

Single Subject Teaching Credential (BCLAD)

December 2010

Bachelors of Arts, Spanish

May 2009

Minor: **Latin American Studies**

Languages: Bilingual Spanish/English

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

9th – 12th Grade Spanish 1 and ELD Student Teacher

08/10 -12/10

Pleasant Valley High School, Chico, CA

- Developed lesson plans for beginners and intermediate level ELs and implemented a variety of instructional strategies
- Practiced different teaching methods: Direct Instruction, Pair/Group Work, Pronunciation Drills, etc.
- Integrated art, music, and technology
- Reflected on assessment and teaching practices
- Attended 504 meetings, faculty meetings, Back-to-School night

9th – 12th Grade Spanish 1 and ELD Student Teacher

08/09 – 05/10

Hamilton Union High School, Hamilton City, CA

- Designed and taught ELD units with a multicultural perspective for the school year
- Taught SIOP model to attend the needs of varying abilities
- Modeled literacy skills and motivation toward literacy
- Utilized Step up to Writing strategy to help students organize and structure paragraphs
- Designed and taught Spanish units and integrated art, music, and technology
- Scaffold instruction to attend the needs of students of varying abilities and proficiency levels
- Asses and evaluate student strengths and weaknesses
- Attended staff meetings, Back to School night, parent conferences (translated), and school events

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Summer Mini-Corp Indoor Program, Hamilton Elementary School 1st, 2nd, 5th -8th Grade

Summer 2008/2010

- Tutored migrant children who need extra help to improve in subjects they are lacking
- Informed parents during home visitations of child's progress in order to help the student and their families
- Demonstrated self-motivation by tutoring individuals after school

Mini-Corps tutor, Hamilton High & Hamilton Elementary Schools

09/07-06/09

- Tutored at-risk migrant students as part of the California Mini Corps program
- Provided students with instruction in the core curriculum, on one-on-one, small group or large group basis
- Motivated and mentored migrant students and served as the teacher's assistant
- Informed parents during home visitations of child's progress and utilized bilingual skills to translate in conferences
- Designed and implemented several formal lessons evaluated by supervisor
- Participated in after school program including school dances, family nights, festivals, meetings and fundraisers

Student Mentor, Teacher Diversity Program, Hamilton High School 9th -12th

01/04 -05/06

- Utilized bilingual skills to help ESL students with class assignments

AWARDS/ORGANIZATIONS/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Member: Phi Sigma Iota, International Foreign Language Honors Society

F2008 – S2009

SSS/EOP Honors Cabinet: Candidate- Achievement of receiving at least a 3.30GPA or higher

September 2008

Member: Asociación de Teatro y Poesía

Fall 2008

Dean's Honor List: College of Humanities and Fine Arts

Fall 2007

Member: Sociedad Estudiantil de Literatura Arte y Cultura (S.E.L.A.C)

August 2007

Teaching Links: Successful participation award in Teacher Diversity program

April 2006

Volunteer Mentor, C.H.A.M.P Literacy Program, Chico High School, Chico, CA

May 2005

- Mentored freshman student for nine weeks