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OBJECTIVE

To unlock students' full potential by creating a classroom environment of resilience, creativity, and collaboration centered around powerful relationships with all students.

EDUCATION

Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI
Bachelor of Science in Education - April 2021
- **Majors:** Elementary Education and Mathematics
- **Minor:** Elementary Certification
- **Certifications:** Michigan Provisional Certificate (K-5 All Subjects, 6-8 Mathematics)

INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Alpine Elementary, Kenowa Hills Public Schools, Comstock Park, MI
4TH Grade Student Teacher, September 2020 – April 2021
- Full year teaching cohort program, in-person, with experience in remote learning and trauma-informed teaching.
- Managed a class of 20 diverse fourth graders (including students who qualified as gifted and students with IEPs) using Love & Logic to create a safe and positive classroom culture.
- Collaborated with other educators, social workers, and counselors to meet the needs of all students.
- Followed set curriculum of Bridges, MAISA, and FOSS.

EDUStaff, Kent County, MI
Substitute Teacher, September 2020 – April 2021
- Managed a class of 20-25 students using effective classroom management strategies.
- Taught lesson plans assigned by the permanent teacher for students in grades 1st through 5th Grade.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Starbucks Coffee, Commerce Township, MI
Master Barista 2020 – Present
- Maintained high customer service standards at all times while overseeing the work of two other baristas.
- Provided on-site job training for newly hired baristas.

Biggby Coffee, Hudsonville, MI
Shift Leader 2018 – 2020
- Prioritized customer satisfaction and retention by building relationships with customers.
- Provided on-site job training for newly hired baristas.

Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI
Assistant to Mathematics Professor 2019 – 2020
- Mentored and observed teacher candidates in math instruction that focuses on achieving computational fluency: accuracy, flexibility, and efficiency.
- Effectively facilitated feedback sessions following observations of teacher candidates.

<u>**HONORS/ACTIVITIES**</u>

Sigma Sigma Sigma – Epsilon Gamma

Dean's List – Grand Valley State University

Kids In Motion – Grand Valley State University