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**CERTIFICATION**

**TESOL Certification: Grades K-12**

**EDUCATION**

**Teachers College, Columbia University –** M.A. in TESOL Spring 2018

▪ Awarded prestigious teacher residency scholarship at Teacher’s College

**Oberlin College –** B.A. in Comparative American StudiesSpring 2016

▪ Awarded Questbridge Scholarship with 5% acceptance rate

▪ Awarded Bonner Community Service stipend with a 20% acceptance rate

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Hamilton Grange Middle School** – E.N.L. Teacher Fall 2017 - PRESENT

▪ Co-plan / co-teach middle-school ELA/ENL/SS lessons and Hispaniola (Haiti/Dominican Republic) History Course

▪ Create and provide instruction in English that had 70% of students move up a English language learning level

▪ Provide instruction that is consistent and coordinated with the school’s instructional program so as to ensure that students meet and exceed English acquisition learning targets.

▪ Provide a nurturing and supportive learning environment that encourages student responsibility and incorporates challenging instructional strategies.

▪ Maintain complete and accurate records of student progress and evidence of growth and progress.

▪ Founded: Monthly wellness days for faculty, community and families

▪ Founded the Happiness Club: Weekly meetings studying the Yale University course

▪ Founded the NYC Explorers Club for ELLs - 10 English Language Learners yearlong commitment to monthly visitation of cultural institutions

**International High School at Union Square –** *Teaching Residency in TESOL* Fall 2017- Spring 2018

▪ Co-teach, co-plan, and differentiate lessons in high school ENL Global History and biweekly advisory classes

▪ Developed a child study on the learning style and needs of a student and implemented supports based on data

▪ Weekly co-teaching with SLIFE literacy specialist

**Dr. Emmett W. Bassett School P.S. 119X –** Teaching Residency in TESOLFall 2017

▪ Weekly co-plan and co-teach lessons second-grade

**OTHER POSITIONS**

**Ayiti Educational and Wellness Organizer**  WINTER 2021 - PRESENT

▪ Organize 8-12 Ayiti (Haitian and Dominican) intergenerational events virtually May 31, 2021-June 4, 2021

**Getting Fit Familia Organizer**  WINTER 2019 - PRESENT

▪ Organize 8 virtual and live wellness day long events

**Melanin Sovereignty Summit Manager**  SUMMER 2020

▪ Organize 20 entrepreneurs of color for conversations on melanin sovereignty

**W.W. Guide, N.Y.**  WINTER 2020

▪ Train to be a guide and W.W. guide

**SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

**Latinx Leads Conference,** “De Donde Soy y Adonde Voy” March 27, 2021

**Women Rock,** “How to Manifest Your Dreams” October 27, 2020

**Imperfectly Perfect Woman Podcast,** “Becoming the Woman of Your Wildest Dreams” January 21, 2020

**INSTRUCTIONAL SKILLS**

Bilingual Education, Project Based Learning, Virtual Learning, Targeted Small Group Instruction, Intrapersonal and Environmental Learning

**REFERENCES**

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