

# ***SIERRA ORR***

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## **KEY QUALIFICATIONS**

Imaginative Thinking, Drama-Based Pedagogy, Communication, Curriculum Planning, Behavior Management

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **Long Term Substitute, Willard Middle School, Aldie, V.A. Sep 2022-Present**

- Designed lesson plans for six classes of 24 students, grade 7
- Facilitated lessons surround Spanish writing, reading, and verbal communications

### **Resident Actor/Teacher, Charleston Stage, Charleston, S.C. July 2021-June 2022**

- Designed lesson plans and units for six classes of 15 students, ages k-12
- Facilitated lessons in acting for musical theatre and theatre, both within public schools and in professional theatre programming
- Developed the premier diversity, equity, and inclusion programming: "City Stage"
- Trained public school teachers in incorporating arts integration in traditional classroom settings in subjects such as science, writing, reading, and history

### **Long Term Special Ed Teacher Assistant, Freedom High School, Chantilly, V.A. Aug 2020-June 2021**

- Advocated for students grades 9-12 with learning disabilities within seven traditional classrooms in subjects such as English, U.S. and World History, Environmental Science, and Economics
- Developed specific in-class visual and auditory aids to assist facilitation for students
- Planned with co-teachers to accommodate within virtual and in-person classrooms

### **Drama Instructor, College For Kids, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, V.A. Jan 2019-Feb 2019**

- Facilitated six three-hour drama intensives for students grades 5-8, topics included theatre performance, improvisation, devised work, and general communication skills
- Designed and executed lesson plans establishing solid theatre foundations and tools
- Coached students in confidence and creativity, as a result, students performed an original devised play
- Challenged students with rigorous theatre work, respectful collaboration, and peer leadership

### **Resident Advisor, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, V.A. Aug 2017-May 2018**

- Oversaw 20 residents, cultivating a safe and welcoming community
- Motivated residents with monthly workshops on diversity and inclusion, holistic wellness, mindfulness, and time management
- Supervised and managed the resident hall, acting as an intermediary between residents, the hall director, and emergency services

## **EDUCATION**

B.A in Theatre and Independent Scholars, Minor in Spanish, with distinction (2020)  
James Madison University, Harrisonburg V.A.

## **HONORS**

- Fulbright Semi-Finalist for Argentina ETA (2022)
- Independent Scholars and CVPA Research Grants: Art & Race in a Predominantly White Space (2020)
- Virginia Collegiate Honors Conference Flash Talks Award Winner (2018)
- Southern Regional Honors Conference Presenter (2018)