

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)