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EDUCATION AND HONORS

Binghamton University, State University of New York

Binghamton, NY

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre & Performance; Minor in Education (Summa Cum Laude)

May 2019

Cumulative GPA: 3.92/4.00 **Dean's List:** Fall 2015 – Spring 2019

Honors: Provost's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research; The Albert Nocciolino Excellence in Theatre Award; The Mildred Sweet Memorial Award; The Alfred Brooks Memorial Theatre Scholarship

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chickenshed NYC

New York, NY

Lead Teaching Artist

August 2019 – Present

- Perform and develop interactive shows supporting imagination and social-emotional learning, ages 0-6
- Coordinate and rehearse inclusive, child-led shows with a team of teaching artists
- Teach acting techniques, choreography, and music to students with disabilities, ages 6-13+

Creative Muse

New York, NY

Teaching Artist

September 2021 – Present

- Develop engaging lesson plans for students ages 5-6 centered around storytelling
- Devise a showcase performance with students that centers around social-emotional learning
- Encourage students to create a story through imaginative play and exploration of various texts

BridgeUp: Shakespeare in the Schools

Virtual

Teaching Artist

May 2021

- Led engaging virtual workshops on theater and Shakespeare's text with students, ages 8-12, in a 5 week program
- Encouraged and supported students in creating a classroom speech from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- Edited a culmination film showcasing the students' work

Theater in the Classroom

Vestal, NY

Founder

December 2018 – May 2019

- Developed a theater outreach program through Binghamton University's Theatre Department, pairing theatre majors and minors with elementary school classrooms to serve as teaching artists
- Designed and taught training workshops for volunteer teaching artists
- Facilitated open discussions with participating elementary school teachers about program improvements and successes through assessment tools, ie: surveys and emails

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Vestal Hills Elementary School

Vestal, NY

Volunteer Teaching Artist

August 2015 – May 2019

- Taught drama to fifth and second grade students at Vestal Hills Elementary School on a weekly basis
- Collaborated with the teacher to adjust activities to supplement academic learning
- Developed engaging and educational lesson plans to expand each students' knowledge of acting, mindfulness techniques, collaboration, and communication

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Microsoft Suite: Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint

Public Speaking, Acting, Singing, Juggling (3 Balls)

Certified FDNY Fire Guard (F03)

Interests: Creative Writing, Knitting