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EDUCATION

Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism | Evanston, Ill.

Bachelor of Science in Journalism and American Studies | minor in Religious Studies | June 2024

GPA: 3.91/4.00 | Dean's List: 11/12 Academic Quarters

National Louis University | Chicago, Ill.

Teach for America: Illinois State Board of Education Approved Alternative Certification Program | June 2026

- Considered "Highly Qualified" under Every Student Succeeds Act
- Educator License with Stipulations in Special Education Expected August 2024
- Professional Educator License in Special Education Expected August 2026

EXPERIENCE

Intrinsic Schools Belmont Campus | Chicago, Ill.

Special Education Teacher | August 2024 - Present

- Teaches 150+ students in an Algebra II/ Trigonometry inclusion class; provides supports and progress monitoring
- Mentors an advisory of 15 9th grade students; supports a caseload of six 11th grade diverse learning students

Teach for America Practicum and Pre-Service | Chicago, Ill.

Special Education Teacher | June-July 2024

Selected as one of 4,000+ accepted candidates out of 40,000 applicants (10% acceptance rate) to teach in an urban or rural school district across the nation. In the summer of 2024, will have:

- Completed an intensive 160+ hour educator training program
- Developed long-term lesson plans based on Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles and aligned to Common Core State Standards
- Constructed classroom procedures rooted in social-emotional competencies and trauma informed practices
- Engaged in professional development workshops on Culturally Responsive Pedagogy, learner variability and differentiated instruction, understanding systems of oppression and anti-biased teaching practices

Amplify Education, Inc. | Brooklyn, N.Y.

Literacy Product Marketing Specialist | September 2023 - June 2024

- Interviewed educators about Amplify products, drafted case studies as a contracted worker for 10-20 hrs./wk.

Literacy Product Marketing Intern | June 2023 - August 2023

- Completed market research, compiled testimonials and categorized collateral to aid sales, marketing for 40 hrs./wk.
- Published two case studies showing success stories of school districts adopting Amplify core literacy product

Chicago Tribune | Chicago, Ill.

News Intern | March 2023 - June 2023

- Reported on Chicago breaking news and drafted Chicago and Illinois-centered news features for 40 hrs./wk.

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette | Little Rock, Ark.

Metro Reporting Intern | June 2022 - August 2022

- Reported on general assignment news focusing on education at the state's largest newspaper for 40 hrs./wk.

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Northwestern Office of Student Transition Experiences | Evanston, Ill.

Director of Medill School of Journalism, Wildcat Welcome Board of Directors | November 2022 - November 2023

- Recruits, selects, trains and mentors peer advisers to facilitate 2023 New Student Orientation up to 10 hrs./wk.

Peer Adviser | April 2021 - September 2022; 2021 and 2022 New Student Orientation Programs

- Mentored groups of 16-17 new students during their transition to college; facilitated dialogues about mental health and wellness, substance abuse, diversity and inclusion in a university setting

Willard Residential College | Evanston, Ill.

President | March 2021 - February 2022

- Oversaw the operations of Northwestern's largest Residential College of 300 students up to 15 hrs./wk.
- Managed a 14 person Executive Board which hosted a diverse range of events up to seven times/ wk.