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Employment:

Harris County Carver Middle School, 184 S. College St., Hamilton Ga. 31811 1996 - present

Teach Theatre to grades 7 and 8

Teach Film making to grades 7 and 8

Teach Broadcast Journalism to a combined 7 and 8th grade class.

Education:

Attended the University of Michigan for two years as a musical theatre major, studying acting, voice, dance

Attended Bridgewater State College for two years as a theatre major.

Graduated from Columbus State University as a Theatre Education Major

School Leadership:

- Teacher of the Year for my school and School district for 2010
- Top Ten Teacher of the Year for the State of Georgia 2010
- Serve on Georgia Secretary of Education, Cathy Cox, Advisory council.
- School Leadership Team Member - current
- School-wide Trainer for 'Writing Across the Curriculum' and 'Learning Focused Strategies'
- Connections Team Leader for four years
- Mentor for four Fine Arts teachers
- Supervisor for three student teachers, and frequent interns from Columbus State University
- Outstanding Theatre Educator, CSU Department of Education, 2010

Theatre Awards and Leadership:

- Sponsor of EDTA's Junior Thespian Troupe #88558
- Board Member, Georgia Thespian Board of Directors, Co-Chair of the Georgia Junior Thespian Conference
- Served on the committee to evaluate the Georgia Performance Standards in Theatre k - 12
- Superior Play and First Place at Middle School One Act Play Competitions 11 times.
- 21 groups in three years receiving a Superior in Individual Events at the Junior Thespian Conference
- 8 groups receiving Superior in Individual Events at the International Thespian Conference
- 2nd and 4th place teams in Technical Challenge at the International Thespian Conference
- Best Acting twice, Best Choreography twice, and Outstanding Production at Junior Theatre Festivals sponsored by Music Theatre International
- Selected by Music Theatre International to Showcase **Seussical Jr** in 2007, **High School Musical Jr.** in 2009, and **High School Musical Jr. 2** in 2010, at the Junior Theatre Festival they sponsor in Atlanta.
- Piloted productions of **Seussical Jr.**, and **Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr.** for Music Theatre International.
- Judge for the Governors Honors Auditions and Interviews in Theatre
- Workshop Facilitator for area ArtsReach-sponsored workshop on integrating theatre into the regular classroom
- Outstanding Theatre Alumni, CSU Theatre Alumni Association, 2012
- MEA Golden Apple Award Recipient, twice.