

MAKALA L. FIELDS

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EDUCATOR ■ VISUAL ARTIST

Adept, student-centered Middle School Art Educator with career characterized by superb record of instructional achievement and leadership. Demonstrated expertise fostering an environment for academic excellence. Unquestionable capacity to guide curriculum development and to provide top-notch leadership and mentorship to teaching staff. Proven excellence in fiscal management and in overseeing such specialized programs such as the Met Schools Learning through Internships and Diaspora Youth Arts Education program.

- Curriculum Development
- Mixed media artist
- Fiscal Management
- Leadership
- Community Engagement
- Grant writing
- Student Support
- Facilitator
- Project Management
- Drawing
- Mixed-media collage
- Painting

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Middle School Visual Art Teacher, KIPP Vision Academy, KIPP Metro Atlanta Schools
June 2015—Present

Develop and execute daily/weekly lesson plans to ensure student learning in accordance with Common Core and Georgia Performance Standard

- Administer formative and summative assessments and evaluations and analyze student performance
- Works closely with core teachers to enforce cross-curricular instruction
- Initiated art mentorship program between scholars and local Atlanta artists
- Organized the first annual Youth Art Month festival for KVP campus
- Organize and manage after-school art club for grades 7-8
- Manage and curate scholar art exhibitions and backdrop artwork for fine arts shows.
- Differentiate instruction to ensure that all students are progressing
- In conjunction with Special Education Teachers, work to ensure that all IEPs and student needs
- Assisted with school beautification program
- Collaborated with KaBOOM and designed school beautification mural

Teaching Artist, Woodruff Arts Center
June 2014-May 2015

- Implemented the smART stART program in primary classrooms at Annunciation Day School and The Pittsburgh Boys & Girls Club in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Developed rigorous arts-integrated lesson plans that allowed the students to improve their reading, writing, and listening skills while also providing teachers with strategies for incorporating the arts in their classrooms.

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6th Grade World Studies Teacher, KIPP South Fulton Academy, KIPP Metro Atlanta Schools
July 2007—June 2014

- Plan and facilitate rigorous lessons which resulted in 97% of students achieving content mastery on state assessment
- Administer formative and summative assessments and evaluations and analyze student performance
- Created and managed a mixed media collage art program that connected art with state readiness standards
- Organized and facilitated professional development workshops for regions' Social Studies Department
- Featured on 11 Alive News as a recipient of the Class Act Award-2010

Advisor/Teacher, The Metropolitan Career and Technical Center, Providence, RI
June 2002-June 2006

- Taught and advised a core group of 15 students from their 9th-grade year through their senior year
- Developed and taught rigorous and cross-curricular lessons, while also developing personal learning plans for each student
- Formed and maintained community partnerships with businesses and prospective mentors for students
- Created and managed school's dance program, serving as lead choreographer for all performances as well as mentoring the group's two student interns
- Created and maintained a Girls Book Club for students at The Met School; hosted monthly meetings and discussion groups around culturally relevant texts
- Featured in Coalition of Essential Schools/Big Picture Schools documentary role modeling elements of school culture
- Recruited participants for a renowned documentary entitled "Souls of Black Girls" by Daphne Valerius

EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY of RHODE ISLAND, Kingston, RI

Bachelor of Arts in Business Management - 1999