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## **Objective**

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- To collaborate with a team of passionate individuals focused on youth and community

## **Employment Experience**

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- **Technology Coordinator** – Vista Grande High School Taos, NM  
I helped found a charter high school based on the educational model of Expeditionary Learning Outward Bound. My primary position has been to design, build, develop and provide training and support for the school technology infrastructure serving 120+ students and 16 staff, which is based on a 1-1 Apple laptop initiative. I have also been heavily involved in curriculum design and planning, assessment and testing, fundraising, recruitment, and teacher training and professional development. (2007-Present)
- **Library/Technology Coordinator**– Anansi Charter School Taos, NM  
I collaborated with classroom teachers to develop a library program and to integrate information literacy into the curriculum; trained staff and students in technology and library use, and developed the library collection from 1500 books and audio/visual materials to over 5000. (2005-2007)
- **Web and Graphic Designer** – FPMT Taos, NM  
I created and maintained all web pages and graphic design including educational pages and product development pages for the Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition, an international Buddhist organization. I worked closely with Program Directors in India, Tibet, Central and South America, Europe, Asia, and the Pacific to coordinate and post job and volunteer announcements, Buddhist education materials, and news on the FPMT and Mandala Magazine websites. (2005)
- **After School Site Supervisor** – Discovery Program Taos, NM  
I functioned as the Director of a grant-funded after-school program through the Taos Municipal Schools. I was responsible for program planning and implementation, teacher supervision, student discipline, and parent communications. (2005)
- **Web Designer** – Humboldt State University Arcata, CA  
I worked in the Computer Development Center creating websites and graphic design logos for academic departments and faculty members. (2003-2004)
- **Student Teacher** – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade/Kindergarten Arcata, CA  
Jacoby Creek and Bloomfield Schools  
I was responsible for planning and teaching all academic subjects in small groups with a special focus on artistic expression and global perspective through environmental stewardship and responsibility in the local Jacoby Creek watershed. I implemented a program of *Positive Discipline through the use of Classroom Meetings* with a focus on creating a classroom climate of respect and progressive conflict resolution. (2002-2004)
- **House Counselor** – Redwood Trails Group Home Santa Rosa, CA  
I worked as a counselor/house mom in a residential boys' home that served six teen males transitioning from Juvenile Hall. I supported the young men as

they learned anger management skills, participated in family therapy, finished high school, and entered independent life. (2001)

- **Director** – Leadership Education Adventure Program Arcata, CA  
I trained college volunteers to work with youth at-risk ages 8-24 in adventure settings, and facilitated outdoor education programs that included white-water rafting, rope course, rock climbing, and backpacking. (1999-2000)
- **Counselor** – Tawonga Institute Yosemite, CA  
I supported youth and helped to teach an outdoor education curriculum as well as guide nature trips for groups of summer camp children ages 8-16. (Summer 1998)
- **Team Leader** – Youth Beyond Borders Namibia, Africa  
I helped lead a group of ten CA teens and ten Namibian teens in the creation of a rural campground on the Cheetah Conservation Fund Ranch in Otjiwarongo, Namibia. Our efforts allowed the ranch to offer residential educational programs for Namibian school groups, which increased their abilities and efforts in fighting the extinction of the cheetah. (1997)

### **Certifications Held**

- K-12 Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential with CLAD/ELL Certification California
- K-8 Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential with Bilingual Endorsement New Mexico
- Technology Coordinator- Apple Pro Certification
- WFR (Wilderness First Responder) Certification, includes First Aid and CPR by WMI (Wilderness Medicine Institute)

### **Other Relevant Experience**

- Presenter at the 2008 NM K-12 Technology Summit: 1-1 Laptop Initiative and Expeditionary Learning- A Winning Combination
- Semi-Fluent in Spanish

### **Education**

- K-12 Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential 5/2004  
Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA  
Certifications: CLAD/ELL
- B.A., Cultural Leadership 5/2003  
Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA  
Interdisciplinary Studies: Cultural Studies, Spanish, and Leadership

### **References**

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