

- Proctored developmental reading assessments on multiple students
- Contributed in grade level meetings with fellow grade level partners

Michele Lynn Thorn

Fall 2013

U-Now Nursery, Princeton, New Jersey

Early Childhood Professional Experience: 2-3 year old room

- Monitored students during playtime to expand their knowledge across many developmental areas
- Created documentation of play using pictures from the class and research on various areas of play

Spring 2013

Millstone River Elementary School, West Windsor, New Jersey

Junior Professional Experience: 4th grade

- Led historical fiction book clubs and literature circles
- Formulated multiple interactive read alouds incorporating the curriculum and social skills
- Planned a unit consisting of folklore lessons throughout a variety of books, assignments, and activities

Fall 2013

Constable Elementary School, South Brunswick, New Jersey

Junior Professional Experience: 1st grade

- Generated an interactive read aloud with mathematical concepts and guided small group math lessons
- Constructed a functional behavior assessment on an student to discourage non-compliance behaviors

Spring 2012

Mercer County Special Services Elementary School, Hamilton, NJ

Sophomore Professional Experience: 6th-8th grade, Multiple Disabilities

- Evaluated students on their basic skills required by IEP
- Developed a "Saint Patrick's Day" activity focused on math skills and the concept of into and out of
- Conducted activity reinforcing the concepts of following directions using a "Cat in the Hat" sheet

Spring 2012

Stony Brook Elementary School, Pennington, New Jersey

Sophomore Professional Experience: 1st grade

- Focused on students' behavior in a general education classroom setting
- Encouraged individual students with their phonemic skills, spelling, and word wall usage
- Created bulletin boards displaying students' works

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, HONORS, & AWARDS

Respectful Schools Committee (2016-present)
 Eastern Psychological Association (2012-present)
 Council of Exceptional Children (2011- present)
 National Council of Social Studies (2012-2013)
 National Science Teachers Association (2012-2013)

Kappa Delta Pi (National Educational Honors Society)
 Psi Chi (International Honors Society in Psychology)
 Omicron Delta Kappa (National Leadership Honors)
 Rider Provost Scholarship (2010-2014)
 Dean's List (all semesters 2010-2014)

CONFERENCES

Eastern Psychological Association Annual Meeting (March 2013)

- Presented & conducted research study on the effects of priming and self-image at annual conference

LEADERSHIP

Vice President – Rider Residence Hall Association (2013-present)

Psychology Ambassador – Rider Psychology Department (2013-2014)

Colleges & Programs Spokesperson – Rider University's Kids at College Day (May 2013)

Community Service Chair – Rider Residence Hall Association (2011-2013)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

iLearn Teaching Strategies (March 2016)
 A.L.I.C.E Training (February 2016)
 New Teacher Academy (January - June 2016)
 Jenn Serravallo Literacy Training (October 2015)
 LATI Trainings (September & October 2015)
 Everyday Math Training (October 2015)

Cybersafety Workshop (April 2014)
 Effective 1st Year Teacher (March 2014)
 Stand Tall Steve (February 2014)
 Active Shooter Training (April 2013)
 Video Shooting & Editing Workshop (March 2013)
 Teaching & Learning with SMARTBoards (March 2013)

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Words Their Way (September 2015)

**COMPUTER
SKILLS**

Genesis, IEP Direct, Blackboard, Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, SMART Board, and Google Drive/Docs

Wildwood Time to Soar Before and After Care Program Staff

2016-2017

Director: Beth Azar

\$5000 Stipend

Site Coordinator: Rebecca Santana

\$4500 Stipend

Program Staff	Before/After	Days	Salary
*MaryEllen Deitrick	Before Care	M T W TH F	\$20/hr
Amanda Diesso	After Care	M T W TH F	\$20/hr
Katelyn Viola	After Care	M T W TH F	\$20/hr
*Kristina Marjeh	After Care	M T	\$20/hr
Michelle Dolan	After Care	W TH F	\$20/hr
<u>Substitutes:</u>			
*Suzanne Nyman	Before Care	M T W TH F	\$20/hr
*Emma Putney	After Care	M T W TH F	\$20/hr
*Mike Carlson	Before Care/After Care	M T W TH F	\$20/hr
*Rebecca Santana	After Care	M T W TH F	\$20/hr
*Beth Azar	Before Care/After Care	M T W TH F	\$20/hr

* Currently employed by MLBOE ~ no resumes submitted.

AMANDA ELIZABETH DIESSO

Passionate and caring recent college graduate searching for employment in the education field. Experience in classrooms as a teacher's aide for Sunday school and as a facilitator's aide at an afterschool program. Desire for teaching young children and being in the school system. Willingness to work with special needs children. Desire to learn more about the school system and work towards receiving teaching certificate in the near future.

Education

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY- Montclair, NJ

-Bachelor's Degree: Graduated January 2015
-Major: Child Advocacy and Policy

- Dean's List for three semesters

COUNTY COLLEGE of MORRIS- Randolph, NJ

-Associates Degree: Graduated August 2011
-Major: Liberal Arts

POPE JOHN XXIII REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL- Sparta, NJ

-High school diploma: Graduated June 2009

Work Experience

GUESS RETAIL- Rockaway, NJ

-Assistant Manager: August 2014-present
-Sales Associate: July 2013-August 2014
-Run loyalty points system for the store and clientele. Ensure completion of store score cards (keeping track of top sellers for the store).
Determine Performer of the Month and complete write-up on that employee which is reported to the District Manager

PROJECT SELF-SUFFICIENCY- Newton, New Jersey

-Unpaid Intern: September 2014-December 2014
-Project Launch afterschool program
-Assisted facilitators and Site Supervisor with snack set-up, and activity sign-ups. Aided children with homework, supported facilitators with assigned activities (E.g. homework, enrichment, physical activities, TREPS, STEM)
-Clerical work such as copying, inputting information

THE FIT EXPERIENCE- Sparta, NJ

- Babysitter: August 2008-present (only on an as needed basis)
- CPR certified as of 9/16/2013
- Watched over children while parents' worked out, played games, watched movies, colored

F.M. KIRBY CHILDREN'S CENTER - Madison, NJ

- Counselor to school-aged children (first through fourth grades) and Spanish teacher to Kindergarten: September 2013-February 2014
- Ran activities with other counselors, prepared snack, and watched over children on the playground

WALT DISNEY WORLD - Orlando, FL

- Paid Intern through Montclair State January 2013- May 2013
- Merchandise cast member in Frontierland in Magic Kingdom:
- Pin traded and vinylmation traded with children and adults, sold merchandise, informed guests of park locations, stocked the shelves, translated for Spanish guests

THE PIZZA PLACE (initially)/ PIZZA BISTRO (currently)- Sparta, NJ

- Bus Girl/Waitress: April 2005-December 2012
- Trained new hires: 2007-2012
- Catered events (upon request of clients)
- Answered phones and took orders

Volunteer Work**MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY**

- Perspectives of Early Childhood Development course: Spring 2012; completed 25 hours of community service tutoring children and assisting with projects at Hurden Looker Elementary School in Hillside, NJ
- Mentored, coached and tutored a child for a Family and Child Studies course for six sessions of two hours each at an after school program called STEP in Montclair
- Spanish and Italian Department office assistant: September 2012-December 2012
- Clerical work, organized pamphlets and course information, designed flyers for department events

POPE JOHN HIGH SCHOOL

- 2005-2009
- Pass-It-Along events throughout high school: toy drive, Bowl-A-Thon
- Stand Tall- September 2005-June 2009 (all students were members)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- 2003-2012
- Assisted at local charity functions for the Knights: set-up, cleaned-up at dinners, served food

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CHURCH

-CCD Aid- September 2006-May 2011; assisting in classroom

-Eucharistic Minister: 2008-2010

-Confirmation Retreat Team Leader- 2007-2009; lead small group discussions, developed and gave inspirational talks

-Volunteered at the yearly Carnival since 2003

-Altar Server: 1999-2005

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVE: To obtain a teaching position in a progressive district as a special education teacher, general education teacher, or co-teacher in a K-6 setting, utilizing multiple methods of instructions to meet the needs of all the learners, enabling them to work to reach their full potential.

EDUCATION:

B.A. in Anthropology & Elementary Education K-6 with a Special Education endorsement, January 2016
Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ 07764 - NCATE accredited university
3.6 Major GPA, Dean's List
High School Diploma: Hanover Park High School, East Hanover, NJ, June 2010

CERTIFICATIONS:

Teacher of Students with Disabilities
Elementary Education K-6
Anthropology
Substitute Certification

RELATED TEACHING EXPERIENCES:

Paraprofessional at Lake Drive Summer School Program, Mountain Lakes, NJ
July 2016

- Worked at the preschool level and assisted two students with disabilities.
- Monitored behaviors and kept students on track during tasks.
- Assisted the head teacher in developing the students' communicative and fine motor skills.

Permanent Substitute Teacher- Wildwood Elementary School, Mountain Lakes, NJ
March - June 2016

- Assumed responsibilities for staff members across grade levels; which included implementing lessons and maintaining a positive classroom environment.
- Assisted several students with disabilities and/or behavioral needs.

Student Teaching- Watsessing Elementary School, Bloomfield, NJ 3rd Grade
Fall 2015

- Responsible for creative lesson plans for all subject areas using differentiation and a co-teaching model
- Worked alongside cooperating teacher in planning, developing, and implementing age appropriate curriculum.
- Implemented reader's and writer's workshop lessons
- Created a Teacher Work Sample (TWS) on a writer's workshop modeled narrative unit
- Created literacy centers that were differentiated based on reading levels
- Implement classroom management strategies focused on students with learning disabilities and students with emotional problems
- Assess student performance through anecdotal records, student portfolios, checklists, and rubrics
- Implemented a variety of technology lessons using Smart Board, Virtual Field Trips, document camera, iPad apps, Applets, and Edmodo
- Worked with cooperating teacher to generate quarter one report cards and progress reports
- Conducted STAR Testing (Language Arts & Mathematics), TCA Testing (Teacher College Assessment), InView Testing (IQ Testing), On-Demand Writing Prompt Assessments
- Designed inquiry-based and experimental-based science lessons
- Utilized mathematics curriculum to design lessons and small group activities using a variety of manipulatives

- Conducted small group instruction to reinforce learning concepts and assisting students in reaching academic goals and grade level standards
- Observed students for changes in behavior and reported findings to lead teacher

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PRACTICUMS:

2014

- *Gregory Elementary School - Long Branch, NJ Grade 4 (20 hours)*
- *The Shore Center for Students with Autism- Tinton Falls, NJ Grades 3-5 (20 hours)*

2013

- *Middle Road Elementary School- Hazlet, NJ Grade 1 & 4 (116 hours)*

2012

- *Red Bank Charter School - Red Bank, NJ Grade 5 (40 hours)*
- *Meadowbrook Elementary School - Eatontown, NJ Grade 2 (8 hours)*

RELATED EXPERIENCES:

Nanny and Tutor

Mr. and Mrs. MacGregor - Oceanport, NJ 2010-2015

- Responsible for four adolescents looked over and assisted with homework, projects, and assessments.

Restaurant Manager/Hostess

Luigi's Italian Restaurant- East Hanover, NJ 2008-Present

- Responsible for looking over 20 person staff members daily and working to the satisfactory of our customers.
- Responsible for creating a positive and welcoming environment for our customers and staff.

Let's Create! Art Studio

Denville, NJ 2007-2015

- Worked with children of all ages to create art work or crafts for birthday parties.
- Responsible for creating an exciting, friendly, and enjoyable experience for all children and parents.
- Worked well with coworkers and manager to host and obtain an organized and enjoyable artistic experience for our customers.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Attended Bloomfield Township School District's Professional Development Workshops:

- Reader's Workshops hosted by Shelly Klein
- Writer's Workshop
- PARCC Preparation-Mathematics Training Grades 3-5
- Dyslexia Training

Attended Monmouth University's Professional Development Workshops:

- Understanding Backwards Design Model
- Reader's/Writer's Workshops
- Danielson Teacher Evaluation Model
- Fall Literacy Symposium
- Co-Teaching Seminar
- Suicide Prevention Training
- Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Training
- Classroom Environment Seminar
- Professional Development Seminar
- Affirmative Action NJ Training
- FERPA Training

MEMBERSHIPS:

Monmouth University Council for Exceptional Children membership

Monmouth University International Reading Association membership

Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority; fundraising chair, community service coordinator, and corresponding secretary

REFERENCES:

Beth Azar- Principal at Wildwood Elementary School, Mountain Lakes, New Jersey (973) 334-3609

Carol Stauss- Monmouth University: Clinical Student Teaching Supervisor (973) 699-0318

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Michelle Dolan

Education and Certification

NJ Certificate of Eligibility, Teacher of Students with Disabilities, September 2014

NJ Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing, Elementary School Teacher in Grades k-5, May 2012

William Paterson University, Wayne, NJ 9/2014-Present
Endorsement, Teacher of Students with Disabilities

Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ 1/2009-5/2012
Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude* in Psychology with a concentration in Elementary Education (K-5), 2012
Major GPA: 3.97; Cumulative GPA: 3.80, Dean's List

Rider University, Lawrenceville, NJ 9/2007-12/2008
Major: Psychology
Alpha Lambda Delta: National Academic Honor Society for Freshmen, 2008

Teaching Experience

Math Wizard, Parsippany, New Jersey 04/2014-Present
Teacher

- Teach Math and English lessons to pre-k through 5th grade students which are aligned with common core standards
- Monitor progress of students through observation and quizzes
- Differentiate instruction based on student needs
- Monitor behavior by consistently employing a reward system
- Advise parents of strengths and weaknesses as well as strategies for improvement

Parsippany Board of Ed, Parsippany, New Jersey 5/2012-Present
One-to-one Paraprofessional

- Teach students in special education and regular education classrooms
- Use Applied Behavior Analysis to create and maintain students' behavior plans
- Work with students on skills which follow their Individual Education Plans until mastery
- Utilize Orton Gillingham to assist students to meet literacy goals
- Lead students to mastery of concepts in the Go Math program

Stony Brook Elementary School, Rockaway Township, NJ 1/2012-5/2012
Student Teacher (2nd Grade)

- Planned and implemented differentiated instruction in all content areas
- Developed interactive, hands on lessons with visual aids to foster understanding
- Involved students in daily lessons by appealing to their interests and relating content to real life
- Employed cooperative groups to provide practice and enforce cooperation in developing higher order thinking skills
- Developed formal and informal assessment strategies to ensure students' educational, intellectual, and social development
- Prepared teacher rubrics and student self assessment strategies to facilitate student growth
- Adapted lessons to suit the needs of our diverse learning community

- Actively participated in various professional development programs including Math Standards Training, Envision Math and Developmental Reading Assessment Training
- Participated in a Professional Learning Committee which met as a grade level and discussed ways to improve student outcomes by devising a plan and then sharing results
- Joined Instructional Council which met as representatives from each school to discuss curriculum
Field Work 9/2011-12/2011
- Observed and participated in classroom procedures and routines that create the classroom climate conducive to learning
- Studied curriculum and its alignment with core curriculum content standards
- Interacted with students and observed varied instructional strategies, effective for student learning and growth

The Learning Experience, Parsippany, New Jersey

Summer 2011, 2012

Co-teacher

- Led classroom activities through successful classroom management and age appropriate tasks
- Planned for student learning and executed various math lessons

Schoenfelds, Mountain Lakes, New Jersey

2/2011-6/2011

Tutor

- Created and implemented various activities that assisted with reading and writing
- Assisted student to successfully read leveled books and learn sight words

Mountain Lakes Country Day School, Mountain Lakes, New Jersey

Winter 2007, Summer 2008

Daycare Provider

- Planned and implemented age appropriate tasks for toddlers such as sensory games and fine motor skills
- Attended to the needs and wants of the young children

Volunteer Experience**Mentor, Parsippany, New Jersey**

03/2014- Present

Big Sister

- Mentor child in the community
- Plan and complete activities that foster growth socially and academically

Lakeland Hills YMCA, Mountain Lakes, New Jersey

Summer 2008

Childcare Volunteer

- Facilitated classroom activities in multiple classrooms for preschool children

Mountain Lakes Library, Mountain Lakes, New Jersey

Summer 2008

Volunteer

- Organized summer reading program events by handling sign-in, payments and child involvement
- Aided librarians by shelving books and being available for other tasks

Lawrence Intermediate School, Lawrenceville, New Jersey

1/2008-5/2008

Big Sister

- Met with a little sister as part of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mercer County
- Developed a relationship with the child and assisted with homework

GREG DALAKIAN

Director/Musical Director

Experience

Sept. 2005 – Present Parsippany-Troy Hills School District/Plays-in-the-Park/Harrington Theatre Arts Company NJ, DE

Director (December 2008-March 2015) [Parsippany Hills High School]

- *Crazy for You* (Spring 2015)
- *Shrek the Musical* (Spring 2014)
- *Anything Goes* (Spring 2013)
- *Postmortem* (Fall 2012)
- *All Shook Up* (Spring 2012)
- *Out of the Frying Pan* (Fall 2011)
- *The Wiz* (Spring 2011)
- *Lend Me A Tenor* (Fall 2010)
- *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (Spring 2010)
- *Seussical* (Spring 2009)

Musical Director (Summer 2007 & 2009) [Plays-in-the-Park]

- *Singin' in the Rain* (Summer 2009)
- *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (Summer 2007)

Director/Musical Director/Arranger & Orchestrator - *All About Life* (Fall 2005) [HTAC]

- Created and directed a musical revue of popular Broadway songs.
- Coached and taught vocals to 17-member cast.
- Arranged and Orchestrated 16 songs for an 18 piece pit orchestra.

Musical Director (Fall 2006-Spring 2008) [HTAC]

- *Sweeney Todd* (Spring 2008)
- *Sweet Charity* (Fall 2006)

Aug. 2008 – Present Parsippany-Troy Hills School District Parsippany, NJ

Director of Bands (August 2008-Present) [Parsippany High School]

- Director of Wind Ensemble & Concert Band
- Marching Band Director
- Jazz Band Director
- North Jersey Area Band President

Education

Sept. 2004-May 2008 University of Delaware Newark, DE

Bachelor of Music in Music Education

- Instrumentalist – Principal Tuba in UD Wind Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra and Tuba

Training

- Vocal Training with Karen Born-Cafaro and Rebecca Siler
- Acting Training with Kim Mesiti, Russell Maitland, and Professor Marielane Mammon (CCM)

References

- Mrs. Lynn Burek (Asst. Principal – Parsippany High School) –
- Dr. David Herman (Retired Professor of Music, University of Delaware) -
- David Christopher (Director, Plays-in-the-Park) -