

Jessica Lacativa

Teacher/Tutor

Palm Beach County, FL

Summary

Enthusiastic educator dedicated to scholar achievement and success. Skilled in developing district wide curriculum to include college and career readiness. Exceptional classroom management strategies with the ability to connect to all scholars through the use of differentiated student-centered and student led learning approaches to appeal to the diverse needs of scholars.

Certifications

- **Professional Certificate** - English Language Arts Grades 6-12, Florida
English Language Arts Grades 7-12, New York

Education

Teachers College of Columbia University

Master of Arts - Teaching of English, 2016

New York, New York

Niagara University

Bachelor of Arts - Middle Childhood and Adolescent Education, Grades 5-12 English, 2012

Niagara Falls, New York

Work Experience

6TH GRADE ENGLISH TEACHER

Plumosa School of the Arts | Delray Beach, FL | **2021 – Present**

- Cultivated an effective inclusion classroom environment to cater to over one hundred students of varying levels of ability, including students with 504s and IEPs
- Administered district level and in class assessments to track standards of focus and target specific areas of need with individual students
- Increased student achievement levels by teaching an intensive reading class
- Collaborated with colleagues to establish a positive school wide behavior program and develop school culture
- Implementation of the new Florida B.E.S.T. standards to foster literacy

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER (TENURED)

Denzel Washington School of the Arts | Mount Vernon, NY | **2016 – 2021**

- Created engaging lesson plans for thirty plus scholars in each class by utilizing interactive teaching concepts and integrating arts into classroom activities
- Nurtured scholar's ability to think critically by implementing higher order thinking questions and facilitating whole class and group discussions
- Collaborated with team members to create a district wide comprehensive English curriculum using *Collections*
- Developed classroom management techniques to motivate scholars and create proper social interactions between scholars and staff
- Administered assessments and standardized tests to evaluate student progress
- Effectively analyzed data to improve scholar scores on state assessments - highest pass rate for the 2018-2019 Common Core State Test in the district for 8th grade with a 73% pass rate and 88% pass rate for the 2019-2020 Common Core State Test

- Completed in-service and additional training to maintain professional growth
- Participated in a wide range of after school activities including tutoring during Academic Power Hour and working as production manager on school productions
- Developed and executed an effective curriculum for an 11th grade class entitled College Prep English as well as a 9th grade class of creative writing and public speaking
- Edited college essays and assisted with the college application process to ensure student acceptance into top colleges

7TH AND 8TH GRADE ENGLISH TEACHER

Bronx Charter School for Excellence | Bronx, NY | **2013 – 2016**

- Co-taught with special education teacher to provide differentiated instruction to students with special needs and/or IEP's
- Worked collaboratively with literacy specialist to develop new curriculum implementing Common Core Standards
- Planned collaboratively with teaching assistant to discuss create weekly pacing calendars
- Implemented different technologies such as Flocabulary to engage students in class instruction and diversify approaches
- Mentored around 20 struggling scholars after school three time a week
- Created project-based learning projects with interdisciplinary focus
- Assisted in conducting new staff interviews
- Designed and produced student yearbook as yearbook advisor
- Participated in Saturday Academy to assist students achieve higher grades

Accomplishments

2016 - Accepted into HonorSociety.org member society

2012 - Induction to Pi Lambda Theta - International Education Honor Society

2011 - Induction into Sigma Tau Delta - International English Honor Society

2011 - Recipient of Niagara University's Gould-Pollard Award for service to the English Department