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EDUCATION

Trinity College, Hartford, CT

May, 2026

BA in Educational Studies

Awards: Posse Foundation Full-Tuition Leadership Scholarship (2022-2026), Faculty Honors (2022 & 2023), Bantam of the Year (2024), The Alexander A. Goldfarb Award for Community Service (2024)

Special Project: Race & Equity in Education: School-Based Equity Teams Recruitment Process (2024)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy & Trinity Partnership, Hartford, CT

August 2023-Present

HMTCA High School Mentor

- Hold bi-weekly meetings with HMTCA students taking Trinity courses to share resources and fulfill individual needs.
- Liaise the supervisor and professors with students to advise effective study habits and time management.
- Conduct orientation to provide supplies, Trinity portal tutorials, and a campus tour ensuring successful transition.

Northwestern University Center for Talent Development, Evanston, IL

2023 & 2024

Pre-k to 6th Grade Teaching Assistant (June 2024-August 2024)

- Supported personal learning through working on projects individually with students and tracking progress.
- Encouraged growth mind-sets to promote emotional and social skills when making mistakes or in conflict.

9th-12th grade Teaching Assistant (June 2023-August 2023)

- Hosted two weekly TA office hours to build strong rapport with students and provide academic aid.
- Corresponded with the teacher to grade, design, and conduct lessons for an effective system achieving course goals.

Trinity College “Academic Leadership” Course, Hartford, CT

January-May 2024

Teacher Assistant

- Develop rubrics, activities, and assignments with instructor and co-TAs to uphold course themes and rigor.
- Monitor and operate Moodle (Learning Platform) for grading and providing accessible content to students.
- Advise the general class and assigned cohort of students supplying on and off campus resources to support progress.

Trinity College Boys and Girls Club, Hartford, CT

January-May 2023

Afterschool Volunteer Workshop Instructor

- Designed and taught three hands-on science workshops for 10 total elementary, middle, and high school students.
- Recorded and reflected on three discussing lesson outlines, learning, and lesson evaluation.
- Accounted for student’s interests, responses to lessons, and the afterschool environment to inform relevant lessons.

Expeditionary Learning Academy at Moylan Elementary School, Hartford, CT

January-May 2023

Volunteer Teaching Assistant

- Developed and conducted three inquiry-based hands-on math lessons for 5th graders ensuring a thinking environment.
- Implemented culturally relevant materials for different student contexts and emergent multilingual learners.
- Established a teaching portfolio reflecting on classroom management, objectives, and outcomes to enrich teaching.

Trinfo Cafe and Environmental Science Magnet School Hartford, CT

September 2022-May 2023

After School Teacher

- Designed lessons with co-teachers for ESM 4th graders mastering basic presentation and research skills via Google.
- Managed and instructed group work-based 1-hour lessons for 8 students fostering a team driven classroom space.
- Discussed weekly with co-teachers to improve the course to achieve efficient and meaningful learning objectives.

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- *Technical Skills:* Final Cut Pro, iMovie, Canva, Google Spreadsheet, Excel, DataWrapper
- *Language Skills:* Understanding of Tagalog (Intermediate)