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EXPERIENCE

August 2017–Present

Naches Valley School District, Naches - *Special Education Paraeducator*

- Setting goals, lesson planning, co-teaching with differentiated instruction, assessing and tracking to ensure success for numerous small groups of students with significant disabilities in grades 1-4.
- Providing social, emotional, behavioral and educational support with significant disabilities and emotional regulation challenges such as ADHD, Autism, and speech implementation.
- Advocating for 30 students by interpreting, enforcing, tracking, and influencing Individual Education Plans.
- Providing all Spanish translations for the school's various needs, including IEP meetings, and parent-teacher conferences, conversations with the school nurse, office memos, and video lesson plans.
- Streamlining the process of sharing files for teachers creating, distributing, and grading assignments by leading implementation of Google Classroom.
- Led class transition to virtual learning across numerous platforms including Class Dojo, Zoom, and Education.com through COVID-19.

June 2020–Present

Tieton Arts & Humanities, Tieton - *Summer Intern*

- Influenced curriculum re-design and program development, ensuring alignment to Common Core standards and offering classroom-based expertise for Art in the Park summer programming
- Co-led early execution of adapted program to accommodate constraints of COVID-19 by creating and editing YouTube content and building relationships with families at supply pickup times
- Served as principal point of contact, coordinating with 180 artists for *10x10x10xTieton*, the annual juried exhibition
- Facilitated all art shipping and handling as well as in-gallery exhibition installation and removal, optimizing for virtual viewing

June–July 2017

Yakima Valley Museum, Yakima - *Summer Program Teacher's Assistant*

- Instructed 25 students in grades 2-4 through six weeks of immersive bilingual instruction in Spanish language and culture.

SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

- Native fluency and literary proficiency in Spanish & English
- Conversational fluency in French
- Paraprofessional certification via ETS ParaPro assessment
- Early Childhood Education (ECE), general & state certification
- CPR Certification

AWARDS

- CWU Dean's List, 2019-Present
- WAEF Scholarship

REFERENCES

- **Eric Chapman**
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- **Kimberly Knox**
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- Provided sole Spanish translation services for all three staff members.
- Took advantage of all available continuous learning opportunities made available to employees.

January 2016–June 2016

Tieton Arts & Humanities, Tieton - *Artisan Apprentice, Mosaic Program*

- Learned *andamento opus classicum* mosaic techniques using art glass; interpreting and modifying designs and creating new color schemes as needed to implement five major studio pieces from start to finish.
- Executed wayfinding signage for the city of Tieton, local small business signage, and large-scale vintage apple label design reproductions in partnership with The National Endowment for the Arts through their prestigious Our Town grant.
- Quality of execution was later instrumental in landing the studio a million-dollar contract with Sound Transit.

January 2016–June 2016

West Valley SUBWAY® Restaurant, Yakima - *Sandwich Artist & Cashier*

- Designed improved processes for food storage and safety as well as weekly maintenance that were implemented store-wide by managers.
- Earned Employee of the Month for notable increases in customer loyalty and visit frequency as well as consistently exhibiting grace under the duress of lunch rush.

July 2015–September 2018

Cpc International Apple Company, Tieton - *Apple Packer*

- Modeled consistency, efficiency, dependability, and pragmatic cheer for peers in a high-stress environment with a 17-hour work day.
- Met and exceeded expectations for the role while attending community college full time and caretaking for younger siblings and helping with care for a terminally ill parent.
- Awarded the Washington Apple Education Foundation academic scholarship from amongst 2000 student employees applicants.

EDUCATION

- **Bachelors of Arts in K-8 Education**; SPED Minor (*in progress*)
January 2018-Present: Central Washington University in Yakima, WA
- **Associate of Arts** | June 2018: Yakima Community College in Yakima, WA
- High School Diploma | June 2015: Highland High School in Cowiche, WA
- **Fashion Marketing Program Graduate** | July 2014-15: Yakima Valley Technical College in Yakima