## **Artavius Fisher**

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## **EDUCATION:**

Psychology, B.A., May 2008

**Minor: Education** 

Siena College, Loudonville, NY 12211

Childhood Education, MSED GPA 3.85, December 2016

NYS Certification: Childhood Ed, grades 1-6 The College of Saint Rose, Albany, NY 12203

Recipient of the Dr. Huey C. Bogan Award for Creativity in Teaching, 2012

# **WORK HISTORY**

## **World Famous Harlem Globetrotter**

September 2009 – September 2019

Harlem Globetrotter Organization, Atlanta GA

- Traveled the U.S. and internationally playing basketball as "Firefly" Fisher.
- Participated in the Cooperation, Healthy mind & body, Effort, Enthusiasm, and Responsibility (C.H.E.E.R.) program designed with the U.S. Dept. of Education to build positive character traits in children ages 6-12.
- Educated youths on anti-bullying prevention (ABC's of Bullying and T-E-A-M. Up at School)
- Developed my own anti-bullying program called T-A-Y presenting to schools
- Traveled to all 50 states and over 72 countries providing entertainment for people of all ages
- Entertained U.S. troops in Hawaii, Afghanistan, Iraq, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, Djibouti and all around Europe (2016 ESPN special entertaining our troops)
- Appeared on various media (TV and radio) platforms. Shows such as Sweetie Pies (Oprah Network), Right this minute (RTM), ESPN and CNN
- Collaboration with STOMP Performance Art Theatre
- Featured twice in GoNOODLE, which is an interactive website to get students active and moving in the classroom
- Invited to NCSV (National Campaign to Stop Violence) annual recognition dinner in Washington DC

# Founder & President: Tay Fisher's Fundamental Basketball Camp – www.tayfisher.com

June 2005 – Present – July-October Tay Fisher's Fundamental Basketball Camp Kingston, NY; Troy, NY; Saratoga Springs, NY

- Founder of camp for children ages 5-17
- Work with campers on basic fundamental skills of basketball
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- Founder & Coordinator of other community events such as: Father/Kid Day, Shooting/Dribbling Clinic, Basketball Leagues and Breast Cancer Charity Event to help raise money to breast cancer awareness in the community.
- Supervise staff and coordinate volunteer efforts
- Classroom sessions for kids ages 5-7 during basketball camp (Math and ELA)
- Expanded camp and volunteering abroad in Italy (Tuscany and Puglia)

#### **Substitute Teacher**

October 2008 – April 2009

• Taught grades K-6 in all subject areas for the Troy School District.

## Youth Director/Teen Coordinator

October 2008 – August 2009

YMCA, 507 Broadway, Kingston NY 12401

- Organized sports leagues and tournaments for after school programming and assisted students with academic needs.
- Provided guidance for positive peer interactions and improve individual's self-worth.

# **Teaching Assistant**

March 2006 - May 2016

Shaker Junior High School, Latham, NY

- Assisted the 7th and 8th grade students with English as a Second Language (ESL).
- Instructed small groups of students with grammar, sentence structure, and spelling.
- Student teaching experience: 2<sup>nd</sup> (Robert Grave Elementary School) and 5<sup>th</sup> grade (Bailey Middle School). Both schools located in Kingston NY.

# **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

- Basketball volunteer working with underprivileged children.
- Guest Speaker at a variety of venues: sports banquets, camps, and school functions including a guest speaker for SADD (Students against destructive decision) and an annual guest speaker at Kingston High School on the importance of academics, being a leader and facing adversity in life.
- Volunteer read to children at local elementary schools

## **ACHIEVEMENT**

- Sports Illustrated Faces in the Crowd, 2004
- Boys & Girls Club Youth Of The Year Award, 2004
- Recipient of the Leo Dufort Athlete of the Month Award, February 2005
- Recipient of the Jim Sullivan Most Improved Player Award, 2006
- Recipient of the Dan Cuhna Defensive Player of the Year Award, 2007
- Recipient of the Rev. Benjamin Kuhn Student Athlete Award, 2008
- Annual Tay Fisher Sportsmanship Award given to a boy and girl during graduation day at George Washington Elementary School, 2010
- January edition Hudson Valley Healthy Lifestyles Magazine, 2014
- Kingston Success Story, 2014
- Completed my Master's degree while traveling the world throughout the year
- Inducted in the Kingston High School Athletics Hall of Fame (2017)
- Nominated by Siena College to be inducted into MACC Honor Roll (athletics and academics) at the Naismith Hall of Fame in Springfield Mass, 2018