

MR. AMERICA PATTON

GIFTED AND TALENTED TEACHER

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A student-centered visionary seeking to engage students in real-world differentiated learning experiences, with a strong emphasis in creative problem solving, reflective writing, collaborative inquiry, culturally relevant literacy, gamified learning, and place-based service-learning experiences.

EXPERIENCE

FEB '17 - PRESENT

Substitute Teacher, K-12 | Morgan Hunter Education, Overland Park, Kansas

- Created a safe, culturally relevant, caring, and student centered scholarly learning environment that allowed all students problem solve.
- Sustained a learning culture of creativity, trust, and reflective inquiry through hands on real-world learning experiences.
- Demonstrated professionalism, active citizenship, empathy, and creativity.
- Modeled meekness, kindness, integrity, creativity, compassion, active listening, and a resilient mindset.
- Integrated technology, convergent, and divergent thinking activities into lesson plans to facilitate student understanding of differentiated subject material.

JUL '15 - JUL '16

AmeriCorps service-learning volunteer | AmeriCorps government corporation for national community service, Kansas City, Kansas

- Served as a social justice leader, and service learning leaders in various communities beyond my own ZIP code.
- Collaborated with diverse students, teachers, school districts, families, professional architects, civic leaders, policy leaders, and businesses to help reduce poverty, reduce crime, reduce homelessness, to speak out about animal abuse, violence against women, to reduce the speed of climate change, and to discuss ways to abolish racism.
- Reduced school suspensions by empowering youth through real-world service-learning experiences.
- Provided academic interventions and tutored students from various cultures, communities, and countries.
- Built caring relationships with the elder population through service-learning.
- Mentored and coached indigenous students, teachers, and student service-learning leaders.

AUG '13 - MAY '14

Paraeducator, Special Education | Kansas City Public School, Kansas City, Kansas

- Provided direct instruction to students with special needs in a one-on-one and small group setting.
- Provided emotional support and guidance to students facing physical, social, or emotional challenges in order to create a safe learning environment.
- Participated in professional development activities related to special education services.
- Collaborated with other professionals, including speech therapists, occupational therapists, and psychologists to ensure appropriate accommodations were provided to students.
- Analyzed qualitative and quantitative data during professional develop staff meetings.

- Built caring relationships with autistic students.

EDUCATION

EXPECTED GRADUATION MAY '25

Special education in Talented/Gifted/Creative Candidate

Emporia State University, Emporia, KS, US GPA 3.50

Relevant Coursework

Characteristics of the Gifted

Education of Gifted Learners

Affective needs of Gifted Learners

Creative Teaching and Learning

DEC '23

Master of Science (M.S.) in Elementary Education

Emporia State University, Emporia, KS, US

DEC '10

Master of Arts (M.A.) in Curriculum and instruction

University of Missouri–Kansas City, Kansas City, MO, US

MAY '06

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in History education

McPherson College, McPherson, KS, US

DEC '01

Associate in Arts (A.A.) in Education

Coffeyville Community College, Coffeyville, Kansas

SKILLS

Data assessment

Literacy Coach

Social justice ambassador

Virtual teaching

Active equity leader

Organization and Planning

Data Analysis and Statistics

Interpersonal skills

Creative problem solver

Service learning facilitator

Smart Board Technology

Character education

Mentoring

Differentiated Instruction

Social emotional teaching

Classroom Management

Real-world learning

Recordkeeping Standards

Google Classroom

Test and Assignment Evaluation

Fair Testing Practices

Cultural Awareness

CERTIFICATIONS

Standard Substitute Licensure K-12

PUBLICATIONS

- "Greeting this Technological World with Nature at Home and in the Classroom" <https://biomimicry.org/greeting-this-technological-world-with-nature-at-home-and-in-the-classroom/>
- "African American legacy tour": A virtual tour of African American cultural sites, and indigenous landmarks throughout Kansas City, Kansas

COMMUNITY SERVICE

JUL '15 - JUL '16

Service Learning Coordinator | Youth Volunteer Corps of Greater Kansas City, Overland Park, Kansas

- Established partnerships with various organizations to expand service learning opportunities for students.
- Developed and implemented service learning curriculum for high school students, focusing on communication and interpersonal skills.
- Analyzed service-learning student data analytically, quantitatively, qualitatively, collaboratively.
- Monitored student performance throughout their involvement in service-learning projects, providing feedback to students, and reflected alongside families, students, and policy makers in culturally diverse real-world learning environments.

AWARDS

Inducted into the Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education, Alpha Iota Chapter for demonstrating academic scholarship.

Inducted into J.C. Harmon Sports Hall of Fame class of 2024 for track and football.

Awarded Kristine certificate for demonstrating excellence in writing with the Flint Hills International Writing project.

Inducted into the Phi theta kappa honor society for demonstrating academic scholarship.

Received lifetime AmeriCorps service certificate

CULTURAL EQUITY & LITERACY TEACHER AMBASSADOR

Presently collaborating with diverse teachers, social justice leaders, principals, families, business leaders, policy makers, and students to discuss healing centered policies that aim to eliminate academic disparities among minority students.

Leading the way as a creative cultural ambassador who is rooted in inquiry, reflective literacy, innovative learning, and shifting the learning culture towards scholarly inquiry through implementing culturally relevant real-world learning experiences.

ACADEMIC SCHOLAR GRADUATE MERIT NEWS

Learn more about my academic merits at:
https://meritpages.com/Scholarin_3progress

INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Collaborated and reflected with diverse cultures internationally in Japan, China, Germany, London, Paris, Belgium, Switzerland, Amsterdam, and Uganda.