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**OBJECTIVE**

Teaching position that aligns with the following elements of my teaching philosophy: an environment that promotes learning, encourages participation, and presents students with the idea that learning is a life-long process.

View my autobiography, philosophy of education, classroom management plan, Wisconsin State Standards alignments and licensure elements at

<http://thomastollakson.weebly.com>

**CERTIFICATION**

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction for initial educator license: Expected Jan. 2014

* Sudden Infant Death and Shaken Baby identification certified
* Wisconsin Project Wild and Project Wild Aquatic certified

**EDUCATION**

University of Wisconsin-Platteville Sep. 2010 – Dec. 2013

Bachelor of Science Elementary Education

Minors: Early Childhood and Special Ed Inclusion

GPA: 3.46

* Relevant coursework completed: Introduction to Education, Math for Educators, Foundations of Early Childhood Education, Educational Media Technology, Elementary Music Methods, Introduction to Inclusion, Creative Development, Working with Families of Children with Disabilities, Effective Strategies for Inclusion, Assessing Children with Disabilities, Administration, Learning and Language Disorders, Reading Literacy and Lit, Guidance and Assessment, Oral Language and Emergent Literacy
* Co-taught at family math nights at Dodgeville Elementary School (Dodgeville, WI) and Neal Wilkins Early Learning Center (Platteville, WI)

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Sep. 2008 – May 2010

Studied Special Education and Elementary Education

**STUDENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Pecatonica Elementary Hollandale, WI

1st & 5th Grade Fall 2013

* Gained experience teaching in a 1st grade and 5th grade classroom
* Differentiated instruction with the use of math stations, guided reading, and RTI to group students by ability in order to increase progress for all students
* Used a Smartboard for various activities throughout the day including attendance, calendar math, large group lessons, student centered lessons, and interactive writing activities
* Implemented McGraw-Hill Reading Wonders curriculum; enriched student learning with the use of Wonder’s online resources
* Attended an Individualized Education Plan meeting with case manager, school administrator, classroom teacher, special education director, and various therapists
* Attended a Debbie Diller workshop to cultivate mathematics for students, with the use of math stations
* Engaged student learning through the use of constructivism
* Supervised afternoon recess and bus duty

Argyle School District Argyle, WI

Early Childhood Student Teaching Spring 2013

* Created and implemented a behavior management system
* Created a cross-curricular farm unit outlining unit objectives, lesson plans, and supporting materials for pre-kindergarten

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

Argyle School District Argyle, WI

Volunteer Coaching Experience – Assistant High School Baseball Coach Spring 2012

Platteville Middle School Platteville, WI

Service Learning Experience – After School Tutor Fall 2011

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Service Learning Experience – After School Tutor Spring 2011

**WORK HISTORY**

Argyle School District Argyle, WI

*Assistant High School Baseball coach* Feb. 2013 – Present

Goodfellas Tavern Argyle, WI

*Bartender* Sep. 2013 – Present

Community of Argyle Argyle, WI

*5th and 6th Grade Baseball Coach* Summer 2010 – Present

*3rd and 4th Grade Baseball Coach* Summer 2006 – 2009

Sportz Page Argyle, WI

*Bartender* Dec. 2012 – Jan. 2014

Forte Products Argyle, WI

*Press Operator and Laborer* July 2007 – Aug. 2013

**SPECIAL HONORS**

Grant Berg Pride Award

* An award earned during basketball voted on by coaches and teammates

Nick Dammen Memorial Pride Award

* An award earned during football voted on by teammates

**REFERENCES**

Cathy Jones Pecatonica Area Schools

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