

Summary of Qualifications

Creative, student-centered K–12 art educator dedicated to inclusive classrooms where students feel supported and challenged. Experienced in developmentally appropriate lessons, positive studio culture, and visual literacy across grades. Committed to empowering all learners through engaging, authentic artmaking.

Education

- B.F.A. in Art Education, University of Illinois Urbana–Champaign
- Graduation: December 2025
- GPA: 3.9/4.0

Experience

Stratton Academy of the Arts (January 2026 – Present)

Arts Enrichment Teacher

- Design K–5 drama-focused arts enrichment curriculum integrating theater, movement, and visual art
- Plan standards-aligned, developmentally appropriate lessons emphasizing universal design principles
- Establish and lead inclusive, student-centered, trauma-informed classroom environments and routines

Carrie Busey Elementary (October 2025 – November 2025)

Elementary Student Teaching (K-5)

- Designed engaging, differentiated lessons that encouraged creative risk-taking and core art skills
- Built a positive classroom culture through relationships, encouragement, and clear expectations
- Integrated visual literacy, discussion, and reflection into early-elementary artmaking

Art Education Student Organization (January 2025 – December 2025)

President

- Provided connection, community, and professional support for Art Education majors
- Created and led degree, instructional planning, and medium-based workshops
- Cultivated opportunities for Art Education students to exhibit and share professional work

Krannert Art Museum (May 2024 – August 2024)

Research Assistant

- Researched and acquired context of the history of studio glass, specifically in the Pacific Northwest
- Developed comprehensive research reports on studio glass techniques, artists, and concepts
- Advised and wrote acquisition reports for potential additions to the permanent collection

Giertz Gallery at Parkland College (August 2022 – August 2023, June - August 2025)

Gallery Monitor and Office Aid

- Provided art education and appreciation to the Parkland College and Champaign-Urbana area
- Designed and created events to celebrate visiting artists for 100+ guests
- Managed and edited artwork archival system transfer for student and foundation collections

Skills

- Honors & Awards: 2025 James R. and Dorothy E. Shipley Award, Spring 2024 UIUC Dean's List, 2023 Award and Publication for the The Diana McDonald Writer's Challenge
- Community Engagement & Experience: Over 200 hours of community service that includes work with seniors, youth, and the unhoused.