MICHELA GACIOCH

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EDUCATION

2022 • University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education

M.S.Ed., Secondary Education: English, Awarded the Humanities Educational Fellowship

2014 • Cornell University

Bachelor of Science in Urban & Regional Studies, Minor in Performing & Media Arts Graduate of Imagining Rome Writing Program 2012

EXPERIENCE

Science Leadership Academy, Philadelphia, PA

Aug. 2021-May 2022

Student Teacher (9th & 10th grade English)

- Designed and led project-based units on the epistolary story, memoir, and graphic novel in line with SLA's core values of inquiry, research, collaboration, presentation, and reflection
- Developed and implemented an inquiry-driven comprehension quiz structure to foster an iterative approach to analytical and creative writing
- Created individual support plans for students with IEPs to scaffold assignment requirements and timelines in a way that prioritized their socioemotional needs and supported development of executive functioning skills
- Led and managed discussion-based classrooms of 33+ students through collaborative projects and Socratic seminars

Professional Commercial Dancer, New York, NY/Los Angeles, CA

2016-2021

- Dancer represented by Go To Talent specializing in hip-hop and street-style choreography
- Assisted choreographer and creative director Chonique Sneed for Gwen Stefani's Las Vegas residency and various projects
- Performed on stages and in music videos for esteemed choreographers including JaQuel Knight and Sorah Yang

Groove with Me, Harlem, NY

2015-2017

Volunteer Dance Instructor (Hip-Hop & Contemporary)

• Led weekly dance classes for girls ages 7-14 in accordance with Groove With Me's mission: to be a safe and enduring space that uses free classes and performance opportunities as a tool to instill in young women the leadership, confidence, creativity, joy, and discipline needed to confront adversity in their daily lives and throughout their future development

Billboard Magazine, New York, NY

2014-2016

Events Marketing Coordinator

- Managed registration, media partnerships, and talent asset collection for all brand events, concerts, festivals, and conferences including the Billboard Latin Music Awards, Billboard Touring Conference & Awards, Billboard Women in Music, as well as the inaugural Hot 100 Music Festival
- Collaborated with Marketing Manager to develop and execute promotional campaigns across various print and digital platforms via press releases, e-blasts, magazine advertisements, partner relations, grassroots campaigns, and social media
- Executed on-site production operations at all brand concerts, festivals, and events

Science & Technology Entry Program (STEP), Ithaca, NY

2011-2014

Volunteer SAT Preparation Tutor

- Served as an SAT tutor to high school students in a New York State funded pre-college program aimed at increasing the number of historically excluded and economically disadvantaged students prepared to enter college, as well as improve participation rates in mathematics, science, and technology
- Created and followed a curriculum to support and guide groups of 2-5 students through preparation for the exam