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PROFILE As an art educator, I aspire to teach students how to think creatively, abstractly, and deeply about topics that they encounter on a daily basis. As an educator, I aspire to understand my students and how my time with them in a classroom can effect their lives outside of it. **EXPERIENCE** ART TEACHER (K-5) James River Elementary School; Williamsburg-James City County August 2015 - present James River Elementary School is an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (IBPYP) and Title 1 school, focusing on a transdisciplinary approach to education. Responsibilities include implementing the IBPYP learner profiles and traits into lessons and units, as well as adhering to the curriculum of Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools and statewide standards. Also responsible for ordering supplies, displaying artwork, and assisting with school-wide events. SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (K-12) Hanover County Public Schools September 2014 - June 2015 Responsible for carrying out lesson plans left by classroom teachers and managing classroom behavior. Taught a variety of subjects, including Art, History, Mathematics, English, and Science. AFTER-SCHOOL ART TEACHER All Saints Catholic School; Richmond, Virginia October 2014 - May 2015 Taught two after-school programs for students grades 1-6. Made scratchboard cards, explored symmetry with mandalas, and created symmetrical stepping stones for the school's garden. STUDENT TEACHING Pearson's Corner Elementary School and Liberty Middle School; Hanover County, Virginia Spring 2014 Responsible for creating units and lesson plans for all classes K-5 at Pearson's Corner Elementary School and classes 6 - 8 at Liberty Middle School for a month each. Also took on the full responsibility of a teacher, including any duties, after-school activities, and display of student artwork. LEAD TEACHER All Aboard Child Development Center; Mechanicsville, Virginia May 2011 - August 2014 After-school program teacher with students ages K-6. Responsible for writing lesson plans, leading field trips, and maintaining classroom responsibilities (attendance, classroom management, cleaning). EDUCATION VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY Richmond, Virginia — Art Education, minor Art History 2014 (Magna Cum Laude - 3.8) SKILLS Proficient with Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator. Practicing musician (concentration on guitar). Played soccer in my youth and throughout high school, holding various leadership positions with the team. AWARDS AND ACTIVITIES Eagle Scout (July 11, 2006) National Society of Collegiate Scholars Dean's Scholarship at Virginia Commonwealth University Introduced the non-denominational Christian outreach ministry of Young Life to my high school in my senior year and continued as a volunteer leader in this ministry for five years.