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## EXPERIENCE

#### 2016 - Present Institute of Media Production Arts and Creative Technology (IMPACT)

Indio High School, ihsimpact.org

- Career Technical Education Pathway Coordinator / Instructor
- DECA Career Technical Student Organization Advisor
- Broadcast Production Advisor
- SkillsUSA Career Technical Student Organization Advisor (2016-2019)
- Yearbook Advisor (2016-2017)

### 2017 - Present The Enthusiasm Project

Original YouTube Channel

- Cultivate a thriving channel and diverse online community
- Create original high quality content for entertainment & education
- Develop a personal brand identity
- Freelance film and photo projects

### 2019 - Present Public Arts and Historic Preservation Commission (Vice Chair)

City of Indio

- Preserve and enhance community culture and history
- Commission and maintain public art projects
- Cultivate community access and involvement with the arts

### 2012 - 2016 Digital Arts Technology Academy (DATA)

Cathedral City High School

- Digital Storytelling CTE Pathway Instructor
- Film, Video, Journalism, Broadcast, Screenwriting, CCNews App, Visual Effects
- Produce weekly district radio broadcast/podcast
- Assistant SkillsUSA Advisor
- Yearbook Advisor

### 2011 - 2013 Cathedral City High School

English Instructor, Yearbook Advisor

- Expository Reading and Writing
- Writing, research, and revision

### 2006 - 2011 Trader Joe's

Graphic Artist

• Develop, design, and generate a wide variety of traditional and digital artwork to communicate a clear brand identity.

### 2001 - 2006 KESQ Newschannel 3 (ABC Affiliate)

Editor, Floor Director, Production Intern

- Broadcast and promotions post production via Final Cut Pro/AVID/Premiere
- · Camera operation, graphic design, audio, master control operation

# EDUCATION

MA: Education | August 2011

Chapman University

Research Area: Effective Implementation of Writing Centers in

Secondary School Environments

Advisor: Dr. Kristy Hilton

**BA: English Literature** | June 2009 (Honors) *California State University, San Bernardino* 

Career Technical Education Teaching Credential | October 2012

California State University, San Bernardino Subject Area: Arts, Media, and Entertainment

Single Subject Teaching Credential | June 2011

Chapman University Subject Area: English

# PRESENTATIONS

March 2019 Work Hard, Be Kind, Have Fun: Just Create More

Educating for Careers Conference | Sacramento, CA

March 2018 Do What You Can't: Empowering Students with Digital Media

Educating for Careers Conference | Sacramento, CA

March 2016 Brand to Expand: Increasing Community Exposure with Creative Media

Educating for Careers Conference | Sacramento, CA

March 2015 Cultivating Creative Culture

Educating for Careers Conference | Sacramento, CA

June 2014 Introduction to Digital Storytelling

Palm Springs USD Common Core Conference | Rancho Mirage, CA

March 2014 Focusing Student Creativity

Educating for Careers Conference | Sacramento, CA

Recurring 2012-2016 Lighthouse Demonstration Days and New Digital Media Program Outreach and

Development through California Partnership Academies (Dept. of Education)

## CURRICULUM DESIGN

Advanced Digital Media Production, 2017 12th Grade IMPACT Capstone Course UC A-G & CTE Approved

Introduction to Digital Media Production, 2017 10th Grade IMPACT Course UC A-G & CTE Approved

Advanced Digital Media Production, 2014
12th Grade DATA Capstone Digital Storytelling Course
UC A-G & CTE Approved

Intermediate Digital Media Production, 2017
11th Grade IMPACT Course
UC A-G & CTE Approved

Contemporary Media, 2016
9th Grade IMPACT Exploratory Course
UC A-G & CTE Approved

Intermediate Digital Media Production, 2014
11th Grade DATA Digital Storytelling Course
UC A-G & CTE Approved

### COURSES TAUGHT

Advanced Digital Media Production Intermediate Digital Media Production Introduction to Digital Media Production Media Literacy Contemporary Media Journalism II Advanced Yearbook Production Yearbook Production Broadcast Production Expository Reading and Writing English I English I Strategic Reading

# AWARDS & HONORS

2020 Riverside County Teacher of the Year

2019 Digicom Outstanding Digital Storytelling Classroom

2019 Desert Sands District Teacher of the Year

2018 Indio High School Teacher of the Year

2017 Digicom X Award for Digital Filmmaking

2016 Apple Teacher Certification

2016 Digicom Golden Reel of Excellence

2015 Apple Distinguished Program (DATA)

2015 White House Student Film Festival, Honorable Mention

2015 1st Place Yearbook, Riverside County Fair

2014 Students' Choice Top Ten Educator

2014 White House Student Film Festival, Honorable Mention

2014 Outstanding Scholastic Yearbook Journalism

2014 Digicom Golden Reel of Excellence

2014 Tales of Cathedral City Student Film Festival

2013 Outstanding Scholastic Yearbook Journalism

2013 Students' Choice Top Ten Educator

2013 Digicom Golden Reel of Excellence

2013 Education Grant, Palm Springs Women in Film

and Television

2012 Students' Choice Top Ten Educator

# PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

- California DECA (Marketing, Business, and Entrepreneurship)
- Public Arts and Historic Preservation Commission, City of Indio
- · OneFuture Arts, Media, and Entertainment Council
- DSUSD CTE Committee on Assignment
- California Partnership Academies (CPA)
- SkillsUSA (Arts, Media, and Entertainment)
- Coachella Valley Economic Partnership (CVEP)
- California Partnership Lighthouse Academy, CA Department of Education
- National Art Education Association (NAEA)

## APPLICABLE SKILLS

**Software** | Final Cut Pro X, Adobe Creative Cloud (Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere, After Effects, Audition, Animate)

Technical | Film, video, photography, editing, graphic design, writing, branding, marketing, and promotion

**Education** | Digital Media Production, Film, English, California Partnership Academy model implementation, curriculum design and development, organizational leadership

Presentation | Professional development, conferences, festivals, workshops, community and speaking events

### CORE VALUES

#### Work Hard

A strong work ethic and sense of purpose boosts individual achievement and helps others to reach their potential.

### Be Kind

Working together and sharing ideas develops a strong, innovative community.

#### Have Fun

Imagination and new ideas build a critical eye while developing a thoughtful mind.