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Building Leadership and Confidence Through Experiential Education

Phoenix, AZ

Education

M.S. Ed, Community and Social Change Program | *University of Miami, FL* | Aug 2012- Dec 2013

Communications, B.A. | *Temple University, Philadelphia, PA* | Aug 2007-Aug 2011

Global Leadership Program | *Leadership exChange/Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic* | Aug 2013

- Social Entrepreneurship Graduate Level Course (abroad) [Leadership Program](#) | At [The Hub Praha](#)

Certifications/ Trainings

Wilderness First Responder, First Aid/CPR, Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor, Level 2 Archery Instructor and Trainer, Director Credential Course (FL DCF,) School-Age Child Care 40 Hour Training (FL), AmeriCorps, EPI Certified, ASHI WFA & CPR Instructor, Red Cross Lifeguard

Adjunct Professor, Arizona State University & Scottsdale Community College *Spring 2026*

Elementary Teacher, Scholars Academy *July 2022-July 2025* | Phoenix, AZ

Founder, Mighty Boots Wilderness Project (501c3) *Sept 2019-Current* | Phoenix, AZ

Naturalist & Mentor *May 2016- Current (training weeks)* | Green River Preserve, North Carolina

Director of Outdoor Education *September 2021-June 2022* | Valley of the Sun YMCA, Phoenix, AZ

Outdoor Educator *Jan 2018-May 2018* | Aspen Creek Outdoor School, Arizona

Environmental Educator *Jan 2015-Dec 2015 & Jan 2017-May 2017* | University of Georgia, Rock Eagle 4-H | Georgia

Director Camp Muskogee/ Director School-Age Programs *Oct 2016-December 2017* | Suncoast YMCA

Outdoor Educator *February 2016-May 1, 2016* | Learn with Dragonfly, Hong Kong

Farm and Garden Director *June 2015-August 2015* | Camp Harmon, Easter Seals | Boulder Creek, CA

Residential/Classroom Aide *Jan 2014- Jan 2015* | Camphill Schools | Glenmoore, PA | *Americorps Year*

Nonprofit Consultant | *Feb-Dec 2013* | City of Miami | *Practicum*

I am an educator with over 10 years of experience specifically in outdoor education/recreation. I have my Masters in Education with a major in Community and Social Change. Part of this program involved an international course in business and leadership. My undergraduate degree in Communications developed my valuable skills in marketing, youth development, and adult and organizational development.

My experience as a teacher started as a classroom aid, working with children with developmental disabilities in 2013. My career has evolved and courses I have taught include (but are not limited to:) rock climbing, hiking, backpacking, outdoor adventure skills, orienteering, Wilderness First Aid, archery, youth development, herpetology, ornithology, swimming, behavior management, along with core subjects such as science and language arts.

I am SEI Endorsed, a substitute with ADOE, a certified ASHI Instructor for Wilderness First Aid and CPR, a Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor, a Level 2 Archery Instructor and Trainer, CPR certified, a NOLS Wilderness First Responder, a Red Cross Deep Water Lifeguard, and have taken additional courses beyond my degrees such as AMGA SPI Rock Climbing Course, Alpine Towers Climbing Safety, Stop the Bleed, Mental Health First Aid, Project Learning Tree and Leave No Trace.