Sophia Baltz

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OBJECTIVE

To build a culture of learning that emboldens students to actively manipulate ideas to construct new knowledge, problem solve, and integrate international content and perspectives into a Chinese language and culture program.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Proficient in teaching within a challenging educational environment
- Experience in working with teams in both professional and large corporations.
- Demonstrating excellent communication skills in a professional environment.
- Possessing a strong knowledge of foreign languages like Chinese and Japanese.
- Skilled in various computer applications, learning management systems and website maintenance.

AWARD

HAIS TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2014-2015
HAIS TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2016-2017
HOUSTON ISD OUTSTANDING ASIAN AMERICAN AWARD IN 2018

EDUCATION

Rice University, Houston, Texas
Institute for Chinese Language Teaching (ICLT) (180 hours)
ICLT 201 Chinese Language Practicum, summer 2010
ICLT 202 Supervised Teaching Seminar, summer 2010
ICLT 101 Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language, summer 2009
ICLT 102 Chinese Culture, Past and Present, summer 2009

University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas
Master of Liberal Arts in Communication **Aug 2001 ~ May 2003**

Chinese Culture University, Taipei, Taiwan
Bachelor of Art in Mass Communication **Sep 1996 ~ Jun 1999**

CERTIFICATION

- Texas Teacher Certification K-12
- AP Chinese Language and culture Institute for Chinese Teaching at Rice University AP Summer Institute 6/30/2011
- Certificate of ACTFL Mandarin Writing Proficiency Test and Oral Proficiency Interview on 3/7/2010

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Houston Community College
Instructor,
Aug 2019 –Present

Courses: Mandarin Chinese 1411/1412/2311/2312

Houston Academy for International Studies
Chinese Language Teacher / LOTE Department Chair/ 9th & 10th grade team lead
Aug 2012~ Present

- Teach level 1 to 4 and AP Chinese language to high school 9-12 grade students
- Design lessons based on the 5C principles of foreign language education. Incorporating Interpersonal and presentation skills. Building cultural appreciation through student participating in local and international multilingual communities.

- Present in various conferences such as: National Chinese Language Conference. Startalk Program, Houston ISD World Language Seminar and AP Chinese Language and Culture Class.

HAIS Campus Leadership

- 2016- 2018, 10th grade team lead. Train teachers to use ISSN interdisciplinary portfolio system teaching global competence.
- 2014- Present, LOTE Department Chair. Promoted HAIS core values, mentored colleagues and created collaborative technology learning in different language.

Provide Tutor **Sep 2006 ~ Aug 2008**
Chinese Teacher

- Teaching level 1-3 Chinese language to 5-7 years old
- Providing support for students who need basic business Chinese with emphasis on problem solving skills.

HESS International Educational Organization, Taipei, Taiwan **Sep 1999 ~ Aug 2001**
English Teacher

- Teaching level 1-5 English language to 5-12th grade students
- Creating course materials, curriculum planning, and training teachers.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

- Extensive experience leading and coordinating student trips, both locally and internationally:

Heilongjiang Experimental High School **Feb 2019~ Feb 2016**

- Facilitating and supervising two groups with over 20 Chinese students from Harbin, China on student exchange programs to Houston.

HAIS Student Exchange Program to Harbin, China **July 2016**

- Preparing students for international exchange program to Harbin, China, share cultural experiences, emerge students in authentic environment and facilitate meaningful learning.

National Chinese STEAM Competition, Las Vegas **Feb 2019**

- Preparing students for the character bee competition in HSK Level 1-Level 3 vocabulary.

Model United Nations Sponsor, NHMUN, New York **2015 and 2016**

- Chaperoning over 50 students at the National High School Model United Nations Conferences in New York

EF Tour Leader March **2017 - present**

- Traveling with student's groups to Japan, Greece, Scotland and Ireland to build global citizenship and transform the way students look at the world.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Soka Gakkai International-SGI, Houston, Texas **Nov 2001 ~ Current**
Young Women Division Leader for Central Territory

- Encouraging young women across 20 states to bring out their potential and pursue their dreams in society.
- Develop peace, culture, education through host exhibitions, festivals, and events to create value in community.

Young Women Division Junior & Senior high Region leader

- Responsible for different type of activities for JHHS. For example: community outreach, museum trip, study group, and Universities tours.
- Encouraging JHHS members to pursuit their dream and bring out their potential to contribute to society.

LANGUAGES Chinese, English, Taiwanese, and basic Japanese.

REFERENCES Available upon request.