Gabriel Fuentes

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Professional Statement

A versatile and dedicated theatre educator with eight years of service in the public education classroom and over a decade of experience working in professional theatre. By creating an inclusive learning environment that encourages creativity and collaboration, I am committed to helping students develop their talents and reach their full potential as theatre professionals.

Experience

Aug. 2022 - PresentNorthside Independent School DistrictSan Antonio, TX

Fine Arts Department Coordinator (Louis D. Brandeis High School)

- Leads a Fine Arts Department that includes six programs (Theatre Arts, Art, Dance, Choir, Orchestra, and Band), providing leadership and direction to a team of 13 fine arts educators.
- Evaluates program instructors and recommends instructional improvement based on state and district guidelines, curriculums, assessments, and instructional strategies.
- Oversees a department budget of \$50k+.
- Serves as a member of the Northside Educational Improvement Committee aiding in district planning and initiatives.

Aug. 2017 - PresentNorthside Independent School DistrictSan Antonio, TX

Theatre Arts Director (Louis D. Brandeis High School)

- Generates curriculum and instructs a diverse range of students (300+) in a hybrid learning environment by implementing innovative teaching strategies to enhance learning outcomes and student engagement.
- Drives program outreach and student development by coordinating events with local, state, and national organizations like Texas Thespians, Texas Educational Theatre Association (TxETA), University Interscholastic League (UIL), and Educational Theatre Association (EdTA).
- Ensures seamless program functioning and resource optimization by managing and maintaining theatre arts department budget, inventory, and general department operations.

Jan. 2022 – May 2022	University of Northern Colorado	Greeley, CO
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Graduate Instructor

• Developed a 15-week curriculum and instructed undergraduate students (30+) in an asynchronous theatre course utilizing technology for remote learning and delivering engaging content to enhance student learning outcomes.

Aug. 2017 – Jun. 2018	Northside Independent School District	San Antonio, TX
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Assistant Theatre Director (Louis D. Brandeis High School)

- Designed effective instructional experiences to encourage student engagement.
- Assisted in the development of theatrical productions for the local community.

Aug. 2015 - Aug. 2017North East Independent School DistrictSan Antonio, TX

Special Education Teacher (El Dorado Elementary School & Larkspur Elementary School)

- Crafted learning activities, curriculum, and experiences designed to help special education students fulfill their potential for intellectual, emotional, physical, therapeutic, and social growth.
- Collaborated with students, parents, and district personnel to develop individualized educational programs with accessibility best practices and standards ensuring student safety and well-being.

Education

University of Northern Colorado • Greeley, CO Master of Arts in Theatre Education

University of the Incarnate Word • San Antonio, TX Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts • Cum Laude

Related Skills

Leadership | Collaboration | Program Management | Budget Management | Event Coordination | Curriculum Development | Individualized Education | Communication | Innovative Teaching Strategies | Instructional Design | Educator Professional Development | Grant Writing | Arts Advocacy | Technology Integration | Assessment and Evaluation