

**KENDRA
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EDUCATOR | MONTESSORIAN | VISIONARY

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AIM

I am a focused and deliberate professional with a passion for innovation, advancing communication, and design. I have expertise in utilizing technology to design digital and print content, build efficient and productive workflows across multiple industries, and inventing systems-oriented solutions.

EDUCATION

MICHIGAN MONTESSORI TEACHER EDUCATION CENTER

2016 | AMS Certified

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

2005 | BS EDUCATION
GPA 3.63 *Cum Laude*

UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND

2004 | Study Abroad

EXPERIENCE

2016 - 2022 **BLACK RIVER MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY** CURRICULUM DESIGNER/EDUCATOR

- Designed, built, developed, and implemented an Elementary Remote Learning program
- Trained and coached colleagues in technology, Remote Learning best practices, and in our Remote Learning Program
- Cultivated curiosity, communication, teamwork, empathy, and an atmosphere of calm and sustained motivation and accountability

2008-2010 **ST. ALBANS CITY SCHOOL, VERMONT** WRITING AND TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR/ CURRICULUM DESIGNER

- Collaboratively planned, implemented, assessed and revised curriculum for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students
- Creatively engaged a group of diverse learners with high-energy, positive, and innovative teaching techniques and classroom management strategies
- Designed unique and original presentations and materials to compliment lessons for students, professional development sessions for colleagues, and events held for the community
- Prepared students for success in work and life in the 21st century, focusing on how to create, evaluate, and effectively utilize information, media, and technology

INTERESTS

Nature
Animals
Creative writing
Skiing
Running
Hiking

EXPERIENCE CONT.

2006-2008 FINGER LAKE ELEMENTARY, ALASKA LITERACY COACH / READING INTERVENTIONIST

- Designed classroom practices that differentiated instruction for children through leading coursework and professional development for educators before, during, and after school hours
- Designed print and digital content for use in professional development sessions, educational reform initiatives, and data collection and management projects

1998-2006 ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- The Limited | Westshore Mall | Holland, MI | 1998
- Holland House Candles | Dutch Village | Holland, MI | 1999
- World Market | Kalamazoo, MI | 2000-2001
- Alpine Rose Restaurant | Holland, MI | 2000-2004
- Drs. Yuknis & Yuknis | Dental Office | Wasilla, AK | 2004-2006

SKILLS



REFERENCES

Jim Levering
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