# KENDRA KERN-VANDAM

## CONTACT

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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 - BLACK RIVER MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY 2022 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 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- FINGER LAKE ELEMENTARY, ALASKA2008 LITERACY COACH / READING INTERVENTIONIST

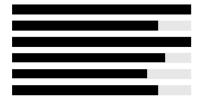
- Designed classroom practices that differentiated instruction for children through leading coursework and professional development for educators before, during, and after school hours
- Designed print and digital content for use in professional development sessions, educational reform initiatives, and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

# 1998- ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE 2006

- 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**

Communication
Curriculum Design
Organization
Project Management
Workflow Automation
Graphic Design



## **REFERENCES**

Jim Levering Principal

Black River Montessori Holland, MI (616) 780 8503 leveringj@brpsk12.org

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