Tamika I. Diaz

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Summary Creative and mindful art educator with a passion for bringing the love of art to all students.

Teaching Experience

East Windsor Regional School District, New Jersey, December 1997-2000 & 2004 - present

- Teaching responsibilities include teaching visual art to 3rd, 4th and 5th grade along with ABA Pre-K.
- Maintain up-to-date innovative lesson plans using Genesis software.
- Assessed student work using Genesis grading portal, Google Classroom & other relevant software.
- Yearbook Advisor responsible for publishing and marketing a full-color book with various candid, group and event photos. Held weekly meetings to guide and educate young photographers and editors.
- Mentor novice teachers and substitutes.
- Maintain open communication with parents and guardians.
- Successfully petitioned for the installation of a kiln and new ART studio.

Collingswood School District, Collingswood NJ, Art Educator K-12, 2003-2004

- Maintained up-to-date lesson plans using lesson plan software.
- Maintained constant open communication with parents and guardians.
- Collaborated with fellow educators to display student work during a district art show.
- Organized and chaperoned various high school field trips.

Berlin Township School District, Berlin NJ, Art Educator & Gifted and Talented Teacher, K-4, 2001-2003

- Maintain up-to-date creative lesson plans.
- Created challenging lesson plans for our Gifted and Talented third and fourth graders.
- Successfully advocated for the installation of mural panels throughout the school.
- Maintain open communication with parents and guardians.
- Sustained art supply cabinet using a minimal art budget.

St. John's School, San Juan Puerto Rico, substitute, Fall 2000.

Followed classroom teacher's plans and expectations only improvising if necessary.

Education

- The College of New Jersey/Trenton State College, Ewing, New Jersey, August 1991-December 1997, Bachelor of Arts degree in Art Education
- Dean's List
- Community Advisor
- Nominee for Outstanding Student Leader

Professional Associations

- Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ)
 - Treasurer, 2019-present
 - Member Services Chair, 2017-2019
 - Youth Art Month Co-Chair, Mercer County, 2003 2017
 - Past co-presenter and conference planning committee, various years
- National Art Educators Association (NAEA), member, 2012 present
 - School for Art Leaders (SAL), Class of 2017
 - SAL Peer Guide 2018
 - NAEA Awards Committee 2019

Awards

- Art Professional Learning Institute, Class of 2022
- Anthony A. Guadadiello Award for outstanding contributions to AENJ, 2008
- Governor's Award in Arts Educations, 2009
- Linda Lora Pugliese YAM Award, 2016
- Honored Hero, Team Captain and Kick Off Speaker, Leukemia Lymphoma Society

Certifications

• Standard certificates in Art Education and in Elementary Education