

Profile: Budding journalist and Award-winning and passionate educator with 5+ years of experience teaching and implementing leadership programs worldwide. Founded a media company for education podcasts, implemented leadership curriculum nationwide, in a D.o.D. funded program, for military youth going through various stages of deployment for an average of 60+ youth per event. Created blended learning trainings across all education sector, impacting over 400+ people.

### **JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE**

**Good Trouble Media, Detroit, MI**  
**Founder / Host**

**August 2018 – present**

- Gained nearly 90,000 listens over the course 24 months and featured on Apple Podcasts 2019 Black History Month featured podcast and Top 200 Apple Education Podcasts
- Created three audio-only shows from concept to execution that tailor different aspects of education (*Common Sense Podcast*, *Edu2020*, and *Dropout*)
- Recorded shows with remote guests and live performances using Garage band, Soundcloud and Zencast platforms.

### **EDUCATION EXPERIENCE**

**Detroit Achievement Academy, Detroit, MI**  
**Teacher**

**August 2019- present**

- Wrote and implemented a balanced literacy program that includes daily instruction and practice in reading and writing.
- Raised funds to solicit culturally relevant books for students to engage in
- Collaborate with team members to design assessments and individualized plans for student success

**Edison International School, Doha, Qatar**  
**Year 6 Teacher**

**January 2019 – July 2019**

- Created virtual instructional models to increase the academic engagement and success of over 30+ English Language Learners from 6+ countries
- Collaborated daily with administrators and other school stakeholders to learn and implement National British Curriculum
- Designed and analyzed school-wide assessments to develop data points to determine student's academic and social growth

**Bishop Walker School for Boys, Washington D.C**  
**English / Social Studies Instructor**

**August 2017- October 2018**

- Conducted an action research project on the impact of background knowledge and standardized testing with school leaders and teachers across the city.
- Developed a school-wide social studies framework and based on Common Core, Teaching Tolerance and COSBOC standards
- Applied Universal Design Learning (UDL) to develop digital assessments and blended learning curricula for English Language Arts and Social Studies to measure student growth.
- Formed a partnership with NIKE Co. to create engaging programs for stakeholders to learn from national business leaders as a project.
- Served as project manager for Commencement, Poetry Explosion, and other internal projects that served an average of 75 people

**Aiton Elementary School, Washington, DC**  
**1st Grade Teacher | K-2 Academic Lead**

**August 2016- August 2017**

- *The reading proficiency rate in reading jumped from 35% to 80% proficient (Fountas & Pinnell)*
- Created reading buddies program to meet school climate initiative goals
- Raised over \$700 dollars for local D.C. homeless shelter alongside students as an addition to “All About Money” unit
- Facilitated team meetings and offered constructive feedback to colleagues to improve classroom climate
- Developed a restorative justice model (DEAL) with education action researchers and teachers across D.C. to improve my classroom climate

**Turner Impact, District Heights, MD**  
**Resident Educator**

**February 2016- December 2018**

- Managed a team of 5 educators in the development of dynamic educational, enrichment programming which included; weekly tutoring, blended learning, English language classes education courses, and summer bridge programs for a 5,000+ member residential community
- Collaborated nationwide with private sector professionals to create the national Resident Educator Program
- Gathered authentic qualitative and quantitative data to present to investors, utilizing paper-based and digital surveys to track satisfaction, feedback, retention, short-term, and long term impact.

**Project Y.E.S! (Youth Extension Services)**  
**Team Lead**

**Nationwide**  
**July 2014-August 2016**

- Virtually collaborated with military leaders of all branches nationwide to create deployment readiness programs for military families using various instructional technology.
- Curated and facilitated themed curriculum, and other workshops for 60+ military youth to help prepare them for various phases of deployment. Curriculum themes included: Resiliency, Bullying, Communication, and Intense Focus on Pre/Post Deployment.
- Developed social justice and diversity curriculum for Project Y.E.S! Interns to use at military events across the country.

**Recognitions**

- Teach for America Corp Member (2015-2017)
- Newsela Certified Educator (2016)
- Featured in [GQ Magazine](#), [Teaching Tolerance Magazine](#), [WUSA9](#), [ASCD](#), and [more](#).
- Early Educator of Color Award from the National Council of Teachers of English (2016-2017)
- National Teachers of English Anti-Bias and Anti-Racism Committee Member (2018)

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**EDUCATION**

Certificate in Museum Studies, California State University- <b>East Bay, California</b>	<b>June 2020</b>
BA, Elementary Education, Michigan State University (MSU), <b>East Lansing, MI</b>	<b>May 2015</b>
Grade 1-6 Elementary Ed. Teacher Certification, <b>Washington D.C.</b>	<b>May 2017</b>
Klingenstein Summer Institute for Early Career Teachers, <b>New York, NY</b>	<b>July 2017</b>
Responsive Classroom Course, <b>Alexandria, VA</b>	<b>August 2017</b>

Additional Skills: Common Core, Google Classroom, Google Drive, Microsoft Products, Newsela Certified, Reading A-Z Assessments and Products, Zencast, Garageband, Live audio recording