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Objective

My goal is to teach Computer Science at the high school level with the freedom to craft my own curriculum. I would be excited to teach either introductory or advanced programming, but would also love to experiment with teaching Economics. If needed, I can also fill IT roles like network engineering, machine repairman, staff trainer, and web designer.

Experience

Teacher & Director of Technology, Cesar Chavez High School, 2004-2007

- Taught Computer Science to juniors & seniors
- Adapted instruction to simultaneously meet the needs of a wide spectrum of students from profound learning disabilities to the school's valedictorian
- Designed and implemented a curriculum weaving together computer programming, logical problem analysis, and public policy technology issues
- Recognized by students, peers, and administration for excellence in teaching in 04-05, 05-06, and 06-07
- Personally fundraised over \$15,000 to improve technology access and resources for students
- Built web-based tools to facilitate teacher-student communication and student assessment
- Joined the school Leadership Team in making decisions about curriculum and long-term initiatives
- Managed department budgets and coordinated outside funding & donations
- Mentored new teachers through observation, feedback, and modeling
- Faculty advisor to the senior class, tracking and counseling students on their way to graduation
- Partnered with other departments and outside organizations to improve technology access and usage throughout the school
- Tutored faculty members to improve technology usage in the classroom

Teacher & Technology Coordinator, Garnet-Patterson Middle School, 2003-2004

- Taught a Computer Technology class to sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students
- Built curriculum to integrate computer usage, keyboarding, using the web, basic web design and the role of technology in society
- Managed all computers and networks in the building
- Solicited and coordinated donation and installation of 50 computers, tripling available machines
- Implemented domain-based network structure with individual student and staff accounts, security, profiles, and file access

Corps Member, Teach for America, 2003-2005

- Recognized in 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 for achieving "significant gains" with over 80% of students mastering over 80% of content
- Completed summer institute teaching 3rd grade math in Bronx, NY

Education

Arizona State University, 1999-2003

- BSE in Computer Systems Engineering, Fulton School of Engineering
- BS in Economics, WP Carey School of Business
- Honors Distinction, Barrett Honors College

Notable Projects & Achievements

- CommonText Open Source Literacy Project (<http://www.commontext.com>)
Funded by Braitmayer Foundation Fellowship and partnered with the Electronic Frontier Foundation to develop a set of curriculum resources to educate students about technology-related public policy issues
- Workshop for Good (<http://www.workshopforgood.com>)
I created a two-day web development training workshop attended by 25 adults from across the country. I recruited the other instructors, solicited sponsorships, coordinated all registration and payment, and instructed the course. The first workshop raised \$10,000 for the school and we plan to do another in the fall.
- Uhambo: Journey For Change (<http://www.journeyforchange.org>)
Co-created project to expose high school students first hand to the realities of impoverished South Africa
- In-house tools including: a content management system to power <http://chavezschools.org>, a student information and grading system, assignment distribution & collection system, and an anecdotal record tracking system

Teaching Portfolio

- Sample lessons with video, student interviews, and peer commentary available on DVD or at <http://iteachruby.com>

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