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Professional Goals:

During the upcoming 2008-2009 school year, I hope to intern in a high school Spanish classroom in an urban or suburban area where I could also gain experience in my other field of study, journalism. I would love to be placed with a teacher who focuses on target language immersion in the classroom.

Education:

- 2008 Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- College of Communication Arts and Sciences, College of Education, College of Arts and Letters
 - Bachelor of Arts Degree
 - Major: Journalism; Minor: Spanish
- Spring 2007 University of Virginia Overseas Study: Valencia, Spain
- 4 month homestay program
 - Completed 12 credits toward Spanish minor
- 2004 Wylie E. Groves High School, Birmingham, MI

Pre-Internship Field Experience

September 2007 – Present

Field placement at Bath High School 5 hrs/week

- Planned and taught lesson plans with a focus on Michigan standards for Spanish classes levels 1, 2, and 3
- Assessed student work and taught short impromptu lessons
- Circulated through the classroom to assist students and provide target language input

September – December 2006

Field placement at Hill Alternative High School, 2 hrs/week

- Provided one-on-one tutoring to at-risk and immigrant students in the English help room
- Observed and assisted during EFL lessons

Teaching-Related Work Experience

February – April 2007

Classroom volunteer at El Castel Colegio, Albalat de los Solis, Spain, 2 hrs/week

- Provided culturally-authentic English-language activities in 1st and 3rd grade classrooms
- Assisted teacher in facilitating and grading daily activities

January – May 2006

Tutor at Capital Area Academy, 2 hrs/week

- Mentored and tutored two at-risk/learning disabled students in all subjects

September – December 2005

Volunteer crisis counselor at The Listening Ear hotline, 4 hrs/week

- Completed 65-hour empathy training program in preparation for processing all types of crisis calls (including sexual assault, suicide, domestic violence, etc)
- Assisted in recruiting and training new volunteers

Summers 2002-2005

Swim instructor and lifeguard – Cranbrook Swim Club, Southfield, MI

- Taught group and private lessons at all levels for children ages 3-13

Journalism-Related Employment History

Summer 2008

Editorial Intern – Real Detroit Weekly, Ferndale, MI

- Will write profiles on Detroit people and businesses, report on entertainment events for alternative newsweekly
- Will contribute to fashion section and scout/photograph “on the street” looks

Summer 2007

Editorial Intern - iVillage.com (NBC Universal), New York, NY

- Wrote entertainment department blogs, built homepage features and interactive photo slideshows for popular women’s digital media website
- Learned Vignette Content Management System, Moveable Type blogging platform and basic HTML

Summer 2006

Editorial Intern - Star magazine (American Media, Inc.), New York, NY

- Updated reporting files to keep an accurate status of weekly stories; Wrote short pieces for starmagazine.com
- Assisted editorial director in daily business tasks

Summer 2006

Beauty Intern - JANE magazine (Condé Nast), New York, NY

- Organized beauty closet and press release records; assisted in choosing featured products for national women’s magazine
- Contacted PR agencies for product research and information

Honors and Memberships

Dean’s List 2005

Birmingham Education Association Scholarship recipient, 2004

Personal Interests:

At Michigan State, I am very involved in writing, photography, marketing, and planning for a multimedia student publication. I love to travel, and did as much of it as possible while studying in Spain. During Summer 2008, I will be going to Santo Domingo, Peru to coordinate and teach a three- or four-week series of journalism workshops in two rural high schools, which my friend, an on-site Peace Corps volunteer, is helping me organize.