

Blaze-Ella Dragon

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EDUCATION:

State University of New York at Cortland, Cortland, New York

Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood/Childhood Education (Dual Major)

May 2024

- Concentration in Humanities
- GPA: 3.77/4.0, Kappa Delta Pi and Phi Kappa Phi, International Honor Societies

CERTIFICATIONS:

New York State Initial Certification, Early Childhood Education (B-2), Expected June 2024

New York State Initial Certification, Childhood Education (1-6), Expected June 2024

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Cayuga Heights Elementary School, Ithaca, New York

Student Teacher, 4th Grade

Spring 2024

- Planned and taught a six-lesson unit with integrated curriculum using hands-on materials and engaging activities
- Supported student's critical thinking skills including analysis, evaluation, and synthesis
- Involved with and experienced in PBL, STEM/STEAM, and district case study activities

Groton Elementary School, Groton, New York

Student Intern, Kindergarten

Fall 2023

- Implemented science, math, social studies, and literacy lessons
- Supported student learning through one-on-one, small group, and large group assistance in a classroom of 20 children
- Learned transitional activities designed to smoothly bridge lesson and related activities

RELATED EXPERIENCE:

Signature Dance Studio, Homer, New York

Dance and Acrobatics Instructor, Ages 5-16 Years

July 2022 – Present

- Mentored students as a teaching artist by sharing choreography with them to connect to their characters and stories
- Collaborated with an education director, musical director, and theatre director for performance goal

Newark Valley Youth Cheerleading, Newark Valley, New York

Tumbling Instructor, Age 8-12 Years

July 2021 – August 2022

- Taught students to improve abilities through a safe environment by correctly spotting the students in their tumbling
- Explained the importance of safety and demonstrated proper tumbling techniques

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP:

SUNY Cortland Education Club, Cortland, New York

Vice President

September 2020 – May 2024

- Communicated with professional teachers in order to have guest speakers at club events
- Mediated between club members during meetings ensuring all members had a chance to have their thoughts heard

SUNY Cortland Student Activities Board, Cortland, New York

Executive Board Chair: Siblings Weekend

January 2021 – September 2023

- Created events to reunite siblings and reinforce family bonds
- Contacted services around campus to provide various activities for event

SKILLS:

Certified Google Educator since April 2024

Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint)

CPR and First Aid certified