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EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

Birmingham Children's Theatre, Birmingham, AL — Education/Administration Intern

May 2019–July 2019

As an education intern, I worked with students age 4–17 by assisting teaching artists to ensure classes were engaging and moved smoothly as well as running some of the technical elements of camp showcases: sound and props.

Virginia Samford Theatre STARS Program, Birmingham, AL — Lead Teaching Artist

September 2019–March 2020

As a lead teaching artist I made lesson plans on scene work and improvisation and implemented them with students ages 10–15 maintaining an environment that was organized and creatively engaging for students, as well as developing and directing a final showcase for the camp.

Virginia Samford Theatre Camp VST, Birmingham, AL — Camp Counselor/Teaching Artist

June 2021, 2022, and 2023

In this role I worked with students throughout the day to transition them from class to class as well as assist teaching artists during classes to ensure all students were on the same page throughout the week. As a Teaching artist I utilized games and activities that kept students engaged in creating original scripts through the use of a lesson plan on playwriting.

Kelly Services, Homewood/Vestavia, AL — Substitute

October 2021–January 2022

As a substitute I maintained a healthy, organized, and educational environment for classes from Kindergarten–12th grade. I ensured that students' needs were met, as well as made sure that they were meeting the requirements of their instructor. My job required flexibility, effective communication with educators, management skills of 20+ pupils at a time, and a lot of patience.

Vestavia Hills Elementary Liberty Park, Vestavia, AL — Instructional Paraeducator/Drama Club Instructor

January 2022–Present

As an Instructional Paraeducator, it is my responsibility to assist all fourth and fifth grade teachers with whatever they need to make their classes run smoothly, including; printing assignments, preparing instructional materials, filing student reports, supervising classes when necessary, and more. I also work with students one on one in troubled areas and act as an emergency substitute when necessary. As Drama Club instructor, I lead a weekly theatre workshop of fourth and fifth grade students on topics from acting styles to playwriting to costume/prop design utilizing original curriculums and lesson plans which are prepared by me.

REFERENCES

Jennifer Spiegelman
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EDUCATION

Muscle Shoals High School,
Muscle Shoals, AL —
Honors Diploma
August 2013 – May 2017

Samford University,
Birmingham, AL
August 2017 – May 2021

Bachelors of Fine Arts: Theatre
for Young Audiences