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Education and Training

Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA

May 2024

BA in Theatre (Directing, Acting), BA in Business Administration (Management and Operational Studies)

Muhlenberg Scholar

Summa Cum Laude

Phi Beta Kappa

Accademia dell'Arte, Arezzo, Italy

Spring 2022

Program: Semester Long Physical Theatre

The Albany Academies, Albany, NY

June 2019

Cum Laude

Leadership

Leadership in Business Award Recipient

Muhlenberg College ABEF Department

Theatre Arts Program Coordinator

Brigadier Anna Mae Hays Elementary, Allentown, PA

Muhlenberg Scholars Program Representative

Muhlenberg College

MTA Studios Coordinator

Muhlenberg Theatre Association

MTA Assistant Production Manager

Muhlenberg Theatre Association

Production Positions

<i>...And Jesus Moonwalks the Mississippi...</i>	Asst. Vocal Coach	Muhlenberg Theatre Department
<i>School Daze, Better...Movie</i>	SM	The Albany Academies Summer Theatre
<i>Family Values</i>	ASM	Muhlenberg Theatre Department
<i>Holy Sh*t, Lessons...Bride, Beauty...Feet.</i>	Props Mistress	Muhlenberg Theatre Department
<i>A Few Good Men</i>	SM	The Albany Academies
<i>The Music Man</i>	Lighting Board Op.	Playhouse Stage Company
<i>The Lion King Jr.</i>	ASM	Playhouse Stage Company
<i>The Taming of the Shrew</i>	SM	The Albany Academies

Directing Positions

<i>Footloose (Youth Edition)</i>	Dir.	Drama Kids International
<i>Head Over Heels</i>	AD	Muhlenberg Theatre Department
<i>Local Girls</i>	AD, Dramaturg	Muhlenberg Theatre Department
<i>Smarty Pants</i>	Dir., SM	The Albany Academies Summer Theatre
<i>Almost, Maine</i>	Visiting Dir.	The Albany Academies
<i>Seussical Jr.</i>	AD, SM, Costumer	The Albany Academies Summer Theatre
<i>Into the Woods</i>	AD	The Albany Academies
<i>How I Became a Pirate</i>	Dir.	The Albany Academies

Employment

The Albany Academy, Albany, NY

2025

Substitute Teacher (Pre-Kindergarten - Post-Graduate)

Drama Kids International, Capital District, NY

2024-2025

Acting Academy Drama Teacher (ages 11-18)

Creative Dramatics Drama Teacher (ages 5-10)

Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, NY

2022-2024

Wardrobe Crew- Saratoga Opera, The New York City Ballet

Concert Stagehand- props, carpentry, lighting, video, sound, pyrotechnics

Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA

2019-2024

Campus Tour Guide

Costume Shop Worker

The Albany Academy, Albany, NY
Camp Counselor (ages 3-17)
Extended Day Childcare Worker
Testing Proctor

2016-2023

Skills

Microsoft Office
Excel Spreadsheets (financial statements)
Professional National Anthem Singer (US & Canadian)

Proficient Spanish
Basic Italian
R Studio