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OBJECTIVE:

To obtain a position with schools, arts organizations, families, and individuals wanting to better focus their efforts around musical growth through classes, individualized instruction, seminars, workshops. I also have a specialization in sensory integration strategies, as well as educational technology, supporting direct instrumental instruction: guitar, banjo, ukulele, mandolin.

EDUCATION:

M.S. SUNY at Buffalo, N.Y. Special Education, June 1973

B.A. Hofstra University and New College at N.Y. Music; focus on cello, and composition/arranging with Elie Seigmeister, June 1971

Certification:

NYS Certification as a Coordinator for Work-Based Learning Programs for Career Development, May, 2009.

Certification as a McCarron Dial Vocational Evaluator. Basic and Advanced. June 1990
Permanent NYS Certification in Teaching Learning Disabilities and Emotionally Handicapped 1974

COMPUTER SKILLS:

Proficient with the following programs: Microsoft Excel, Word, Access, Power Point, Internet Explorer, Smart Boards, WIKI Sites, Apple Office Suite, Google Docs; and mobile technology as applied to musical and WBL instruction.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Work Based Learning Department Chairperson and Teacher, Wildwood School. 1990 to June, 2015.

Develop and supervise WBL programs, curriculum, practices and staff training for 120 plus students with disabilities.

Plan, implement, and teach WBL community and classroom related programs in three locations. Develop and maintain collaboration with forty+ businesses in New York's Capital Region.

Member of Wildwood School Leadership.

Navigate NYS Agencies: ACCESS VR, OPWDD, local vendors, for families, class teams, and students.

Collaborate with classroom teams, related clinicians and families to develop a holistic, effective and individualized program for each student.

Administer and interpret Level I, Level II, and Level III Vocational Evaluations

Case management for WBL education and transition to adult services.

Consult, create and write policy with NY SED: CTE Office, Special Education Office and NYS DOL.

Music Instruction 1965 to present.

Adult Education Classes, Private Lessons , Music Counselor at various camps, workshops and lessons at many festivals in the Northeast, West Side Community Music School (NYC), Old Songs (Capital Region), Cafe Lena.

RELATED EXPERIENCE:

Professional performer and teacher for traditional styles of blues, old time, jazz, and ragtime on ukulele, guitar, mandolin, and banjo.

Performed and taught at numerous regional festivals throughout the eastern U.S. for 25 years, notably Old Songs Festival, Dance Flurry, Saratoga, Albany, and Troy Victorian Strolls, Cafe Lena, Eighth Step. Founded the Electric City Uke Club, Eighth Step Uke Fest, Uke Fest at Cafe Lena.

Won the clawhammer banjo contest at the Galax Convention, 1992.

Member of The Saratoga Mandolin Orchestra, Mandolin Madness, The St. Regis String Band, and The Hokum Hawaiians

Participated in numerous recordings and DVD's, television shows, radio shows, and other media.

Accomplishments:

Secured a grant through School To Work state funds to write a Work Based Learning Curriculum Guide and lesson plans.

Applied for and secured a grant from NYSED to document Wildwood School's Young Adult Program as a "best practice". This continues to be listed on SED's website as a best practice for students with autism.

Awarded "Teacher of the Year" by Wildwood School in 1988.

Part of Wildwood School's leadership team for 15 years.

Collaborated with Dr. Larry McCarron in developing and field testing some of the evaluations and curriculum currently used by McCarron Dial Systems.

Initiated and collaborated in two grants that brought Smart Boards to Wildwood School.

Wrote Grant for improving employability for transitioning students using mobile devices and related apps .Presented this curriculum and usages at statewide conferences. Led Wildwood's effort to host the first statewide conference with NYSCATE around special education and instructional technology.

REFERENCES

Ms. Susan Gubing, SUNY Instructor for the Work Based Learning Coordinators Certification Program and former School Industry Coordinator for Smithtown Schools, Smithtown, NY. 116 Brookside Drive, Smithtown, NY 11787. (631)979-6452.
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