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Rachel Bennett Yanof

Education

1999-2003 **Georgetown University**, Washington DC, Bachelor of Arts in History and Economics, Minor in English

2003-2005 **Arizona State University**, Phoenix, Arizona, Masters in Education

2005-2006 **University of Phoenix,** Phoenix, Arizona, Certificate in Administration

Experience

2009- Present Phoenix Collegiate Academy, Inc. Phoenix, AZ

School Director/Executive Director/CEO/Founder

- Achieves student achievement scores that outscore the surrounding area by 10%-30% greater in Math and Reading on AIMS testing.
- Manages team of 48 staff, including teachers and administrators
- Designs programs for students in the educational, extra-curricular and character development realm
- Recruits and retains over 350 students for 2013-2014 school year
- Hires and vets entire staff
- Evaluates staff and program effectiveness
- Raises over $150,000 annually through fundraising and grant writing initiatives
- Oversees the design, construction and completion of all facility projects
- Collaborates with Governing Board to ensure compliance and financial sustainability

2007-2009 Building Excellent Schools Boston, MA

Fellow/Lead Founder of Phoenix Collegiate Academy

- Selected as one of 4% of applicants to national charter school leader training program, with expected school opening date of July 2009
- Actions taken to research, design and execute a successful urban college preparatory charter middle and high school include: Studied the launch and continued leadership of 15 of the highest performing charter schools through schools visits, extensive discussions with successful school leaders, and dissection of the components of successful charter applications
- Networked with over 60 community members in South Phoenix for school support
- Recruited and vetted 9 board members for Phoenix Collegiate Academy of various backgrounds such as business, law, and non-profit leadership
- Designed over half of charter application which includes sections on educational philosophy, budget, enrollment plan, accountability plan, and educational program

2003-2007 Teach For America, 2005-2007 C.O. Greenfield Phoenix, AZ

Teach For America/C.O. Greenfield Elementary School

- Team leader, developed scope and sequence for 8th grade subjects to achieve over 50% advanced or proficient in reading and Math, over 70% in writing for two years on AIMS
- Produced over 80% mastery of content in 8th grade Social Studies class annually on internally developed assessments
- Led school wide PRIDE program which increased tutoring attendance to 90% daily average and decreased tardy rate by 96% (as determined by teacher data for time prior and after implementation of the program)
- Mentored 9 new teachers in both grade level and subject areas in the school by observing, explaining procedures, and offering instructional feedback and creating school wide policy guide for classroom management. Many of these teachers went on to be leaders within the school.
- Raised over $30,000 annually for student Washington DC trip
- Managed Student Council in all school-wide events (field trips, assemblies, dances,

fundraisers, service projects) and raised over $10,000 annually
- Created school wide schedules for over 700 students and 40 staff members

2006- 2008 Be A Leader Foundation Phoenix, AZ

Curriculum Designer/Program Leader

- Created curriculum for two ninth grade programs targeting S. Phoenix students
- Implemented and led all programs for over 35 students with a 90% satisfaction rate

2006 & 2008 Teach For America Houston, TX & Phoenix, AZ

Corps Member Advisor

- Coached and observed new corps members on progress of teaching using the Teach for America "Teaching as Leadership" text and rubric
- Taught corps members classroom management strategies, engagement techniques, and unit planning methods
- Co-wrote institute summer Geography curriculum including all assessments and partial lesson plans

2004-2006 Teach For America Phoenix, AZ

Secondary Social Studies Content Team Leader/Course Leader

- Facilitated monthly meetings with 5-25 corps members with a 95% satisfaction rate among members.
- Presented workshops at 2004 & 2005 Desert Mini-Conferences to over 20 peers on various topics such as classroom management and mock trials
- Created diagnostics and tracking devices for Geography, U.S. Constitution and Economics for S.S. content teams and S.S. supplement for TFA institute.

Awards

Horquilla Awardee- Los Diablos Alumni Association, ASU, December 2009

Spirit of South Mountain- Educational Leader, South Mountain Chamber of Commerce 2010

Athena Award- Young Professional Category, Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, 2010

40 Under 40 Award, Phoenix Business Journal, 2012

ONE Nonprofit Leader Award, Organization for Nonprofit Executives, 2013