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## SUMMARY OF CERTIFICATIONS

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Building Level Administrator PK-12, Elementary Education Teacher, Early Childhood Education Teacher from the Rhode Island Department of Education.

## EDUCATION

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Principal Residency Network, Providence, RI *Principal Certification Program*, Graduated June 2014

Rhode Island College, Providence, RI  
*Elementary Education Program* Completed May 2005  
*Masters in Elementary Education* Graduated December 2012

The University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI  
*Bachelors of Arts in Communication* Graduated May 1991  
*Teacher Certification Program/Early Childhood* Completed December 2004

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Central Falls School District, Central Falls, RI  
*Chief Academic Officer, July 2022-Present*

Rhode Island Department of Education, Providence, RI  
*Director of Educator Excellence and Certification Services, August 2020-July 2022*

Blackstone Valley Prep Elementary School, Lincoln, RI  
*Head of School (Principal), July 2018- August 2020*

Rhode Island Department of Education, Providence, RI  
*Educator Excellence Leadership Fellow, August 2017-July 2018*

Center for Leadership and Educational Equity, Providence, RI  
*Coach and Facilitator of Novice Principal Induction Network, 2017-2019, LeadRI Program, 2019-2020*

Blackstone Valley Prep Middle School, Lincoln, RI  
*Head of School (Principal), May 2012- July 2018*

Blackstone Valley Prep Elementary School, Cumberland, RI  
*Kindergarten Chair/ Kindergarten Lead Teacher/ Founding Teacher, July 2009 to Present*

Exeter-West Greenwich School Department  
*Kindergarten Teacher and Team Leader, Lineham School, August 2007 to August 2009*  
*Cooperating Teacher for Rhode Island College, January 2008 to March 2009*  
*Second Grade Teacher, Wawaloam School, August 2006 to June 2007*

Clayville Elementary School, Scituate, RI  
*Kindergarten Teacher/Extended Day Teacher, August 2005 to August 2006*

Nickerson Community Center School, Providence, RI  
*Kindergarten Teacher/Head Teacher, August 2004 to June 2005*

## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE:

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- *Rhode Island Association of School Principals (RIASP)*, Elementary Director, Warwick, RI, November 2017-2020
- *Rhode Island Instructional Leadership Academy (RIILLA)*, Board Member, Warwick, RI, November 2017-2020
- *National Institute for School Leadership Executive Development Program* Coordinator and Participant, Providence, RI, August 2017-2018
- *KIPP School Leader Development Program* , Participant, Sept. 2015-June 2016
- *NCTM Chicago & Hartford Regional Conferences*. Presenter, *Discovering Data: Collecting, Recording & Interpreting Data in Pre K-2*, Fall 2012
- *Rhode Island Public Charter School Consortium* (Presenter), Positive Framing, Providence, Rhode Island, March 2011
- *Uncommon Schools Train the Trainer: High Academic Expectations and K-4 Reading Taxonomy Workshop* (Attendee), Albany, N.Y., April 2010 and Newark, NJ, Feb. 2012
- *NCTM Eastern Regional 2009*, Presenter The Power of Class Math Routines in Pre-k through 3, Boston, M.A., October 2009

## AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

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- *Amgen Award Nominee for Science and Teaching Excellence 2008*
- *Teacher of the Year Nominee – Exeter-WestGreenwich, 2008 and 2009*
- *Rhode Island Teacher of the Year Nominee 2011*
- *Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching Nominee – 2010, State Finalist 2012*