

# Robert Croft Jr.

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## SUMMARY

Dedicated and award-winning Art teacher focused on crafting a positive learning environment for all to learn and excel. Incorporates interdisciplinary knowledge, technology, and real-world projects to engage students.

## SKILLS

To obtain a teaching position within the art department at the secondary level.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **E. Russell Hicks Middle School, Hagerstown, MD – Art Teacher**

AUGUST 2015 – PRESENT

- Developed and implemented engaging, effective lessons for all grade levels and honors classes.
- Designed and implemented units and lessons based on Common Core curriculums, taking consideration of a highly diverse school population and incorporating various levels of technology to fulfill technology requirements of a one to one technology program.
- Received “Novice Art Teacher of the Year” and “Practicing Artist as Art Educator of the Year” from MAEA. Teacher of the Year nominee for three straight years.
- Established the “Barbara Bootcamp” program to assist students interviewing at Barbara Ingram School for the Arts. Advise the Art Club, coordinated the WEB leadership program, and served as a chairperson for the Junior National Honor Society.
- Co-taught children’s book enrichment program with an English Language Arts teacher. Cross-curricular units with all four academic subjects.
- Taught a photography class for summer school sessions.
- Developed a curriculum module on Visual Literacy for all WCPS middle schools.
- Led professional development seminars on integrating the visual arts into academic classes, ceramic techniques, and flipped instruction.
- Established the virtual Art 1 class for the Anytime Learning program, the entirely virtual high school offering through WCPS.
- Serves as a homeschool portfolio reviewer.
- Developed the “Comfort Closet” to serve underprivileged students.
- Member of the Scheduling, PBIS, and Recognition committee. Named as the EdTech leader.

### **Frostburg State University, Frostburg, MD – Adjunct Professor**

AUGUST 2017 – PRESENT

- Adjunct professor in the Kinesiology department. Two classes taught virtually.

### **Frostburg State University, Frostburg, MD – Ceramics Instructor**

AUGUST 2011 – PRESENT

- Instructed introductory and intermediate level ceramics classes. The courses included: hand-building techniques, potter’s wheel techniques, glazing, and firing.

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **SAFE Office, Frostburg, MD – Educational Support**

JULY 2013 – JUNE 2019

- Designed health promotion posters and materials. Consulted on educational initiatives and programs.

### **Allegany County Health Department, Cumberland MD – Medical Assistance Caseworker and Lead Assister**

AUGUST 2013 – AUGUST 2015

- Worked within the Maryland's Children Health Program. Case managed health insurance for low-income families.
- Supervised the Allegany County's Assister program. Managed and tracked the educational and enrollment efforts for the Maryland Health Connection in the county. Lead numerous presentations and outreach events. Worked closely with health care providers in the county to help clients obtain health coverage. Completed quarterly and annual funding reports.

## EDUCATION

### **Frostburg State University, Frostburg, MD – Masters in the Art of Teaching**

May 2013

- Licensure/Certification: K-12 Art
- GPA: 4.0

### **Frostburg State University, Frostburg, MD – Bachelor of Fine Arts in the Visual Arts**

May 2012

- Concentrations: Ceramics and Painting. Studied 2D and 3D design, Illustration, Graphic Design, Photography, Sculpture, and Printmaking.
- Minors: Art History and Health Promotion
- GPA: 3.87
- Honors: Magna Cum Laude and Visual Arts Department Award

### **Continuing Education, Various**

- Art of Ed University – Additional graduate-level classes
  - Flipped Instruction, Choice-based Art Education, Art Therapy, Integrating Art History
- Google Certified Educator – Levels 1 and 2

## ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

BURG Peer Education Network

- President of the BURG Alumni Association, 2013-17
- Past-President and Public Relations Chair, 2012-13
- Legacy Award, 2013
- Outstanding Student Leader of the Year, BACCHUS Network, April 2012
- President, 2011-12
- Vice-President and Head of Educational Programming, 2009-11
- Developed the Red Zone Campaign, 2010
  - Received regional award for Outstanding Educational Program, 2011
- Developed the "BURG sampler" event, 2009
  - Received national award for Outstanding Recruitment Event, 2009
- First-Year Peer Educator of the Year Award, 2009