

# Cathy M. Araos

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## Summary

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Committed science educator with experience teaching a wide range of students. Experienced in building community and encouraging student engagement through clubs and other extracurricular activities. Earned a Bachelors in Science and Master's in Education Specialized Endorsements LBS 1 and English Language Learners anticipated June 2017, endorsed in areas of life sciences, and agriculture. Successful in building positive relationships in and out of the classroom setting. Illinois Professional Educator License Grades 6-12, #2275595 Endorsements in Agriculture Education, Biological Sciences, General Science, Science-Biology, and Middle School Illinois Educator ID # 801525 Highly Qualified Areas for Grades 6-12 Biological Sciences, Biology, Botany, Chemistry, Earth and Space Science, Environmental Sciences, General Sciences, Physical Sciences (middle grades only), Physics, Physiology, and Zoology.

## Teaching Experience

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### **Biology Paraprofessional/Green Thumbs Club Advisor & Science Olympiad Asst. Sponsor**

Niles North High School | September 2013 - Present

- Establish positive working relationships with all students, teachers, case managers, school deans, and other staff to assist in increasing student academic success through positive collaboration.
- Support, encourage, and motivate students to be successful in their biology class by completing assignments, assessments, and projects as well as asking questions in class and in small group settings
- Establish and maintain open communication among staff and students to maximize student achievement
- Create and maintain student records using Google forms, spreadsheets and documents to monitor student progress and communication between classroom and family.

### **Sizzling Summer Science Teacher**

Niles Township High School District 219 | June 2014 - July 2016

- Designed science lessons and activities for grades Pre-K through third grade with the collaboration of high school student teachers
- Communicated with parents, colleagues, and student to ensure high level of student excitement
- Adapted classroom content for a wide range of education and cognitive abilities
- Organized community involvement in the Sizzling Summer Science Curriculum

### **Sixth Grade Science and Social Studies Teacher**

Rachel Carson Elementary School | January 2013 - June 2013

- Organized innovative lesson plans with hands-on learning for diverse population of minority and at-risk students
- Collaborated in a team environment while demonstrating flexibility and adaptation
- Communicated frequently with students, their families, classroom teachers, case managers, counselors and school deans by phone and conferences to ensure student achievement
- Empowered student achievement through success in and out of the classroom by increased student confidence

### **Substitute Teacher**

Naperville School District 203 | December 2009 - September 2011

- Substituted in classrooms grades three through twelve across the district
- Assisted in Multi-Needs classrooms, working one-on-one with students of different abilities
- Executed lesson plans according to teacher instruction in leading discussions, projects, and activities
- Operated scoreboard for girl and boy basketball games and tournaments

### **Science Teacher/FFA Advisor**

Lincoln Way North High School | August 2008 - June 2009

- Applied real-life problem-solving, balanced instruction, multiple methods in instruction
- Launched Lincoln-Way North Chapter to increase agriculture career awareness in urban students
- Supervised students during work-based learning in the community and after school activities
- Established and maintains electronic records management system for all incoming and outgoing correspondence

### **Science Teacher/FFA Advisor**

Naperville North High School | August 2007 - June 2008

- Educated high school students about plant and soil science, greenhouse management and floral design
- Increased participation in Agriculture organization with expanded opportunities for students
- Managed greenhouse operations including the order of all plants for the annual greenhouse sale
- Facilitated student leadership in areas of public speaking, community service, and chaperoned FFA State Convention

### **Science Teacher/Prom Club Advisor/Graduation Chair**

West Town Academy | August 2006 - June 2007

- Organized innovated lesson plans with hands-on learning for diverse population of at-risk youth
- Collaborated in a team environment while demonstrating strong interpersonal skills
- Empowered student achievement through success in and out of the classroom by increased student confidence
- Communicated frequently with students and their families by phone and conferences to insure student achievement

## **Other Relevant Experience**

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### **Treatment Coordinator**

Kerzner Orthodontics July 2011 - January 2013

- Demonstrated professional interpersonal skills to maintain effective rapport with patients, medical professionals, and other employees
- Coordinated the schedule to maximize clinic efficiency and operations including but not limited to: day-to-day office duties of receiving incoming calls, reviewing and imputing information into patient records, retrieve department mail, utilize office equipment to fax, scan, and email information for patients and their files, and communicate with other medical offices
- Processed daily and recurring monthly payments of patients based on financial agreements
- Managed office reports to efficiently contact and schedule patient appointments

### **Shift Supervisor**

Panera Bread | March 2009 - July 2011

- Established quality customer service and relationships through trust, and quality product
- Supervised team of x employees, ensuring the smooth running of both retail and bakery operations through positive leadership and effective delegation” Maintained accurate records-cash registers, track daily trend, daily deposits, and knowing cash flow of the business
- Collaborated with management team and associates/trainers to achieve store and district sale goals

## **Education**

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- National Louis University Masters of Education in Specialized Endorsements: ELL and Special Education, Expected 2016 - 2017, 4.0 GPA
- Washington State University, Pullman Washington Bachelors of Science, Agriculture Education, 2003 - 2006
- Clover Park Technical College Associates of Applied Technology, Landscape Management, 2001 - 2003
- Pierce College at Puyallup Associate of Arts and Sciences, General Studies, 2000 - 2003

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## Skills & Expertise

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Social Networking, Time Management, Program Management, Agriculture, Customer Service. Leadership Development, Administration, Organizational Development, Tutoring, Supervisory Skills, Staff Development, Curriculum Development, Lesson Planning, Public Speaking, grant writing, attended District 219 Beyond Diversity 1 seminar, District 219 Technology 1, trained with infinite campus and mastery manager

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## Awards & Grants

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- Skokie Foundation Fund Grant-Partnership grant to provide students with paid summer internships
- Green Counsel School Improvement Grant
- Illinois Math and Science Partnership Grant
- Vocational Instructional Practicum – Classy Flowers
- American Floral Endowment Internship – Kennicott Brothers
- Mosmiller Scholarship
- Richard Pankow Memorial Fund Scholarship
- Washington Association of Landscape Professional Scholarship
- Costco Employee of the Year
- Girl Scout Silver Award
- Girl Scout Gold Award
- Honor Society
- Dean's List
- President's List
- Vice Presidents List
- Graduated with Honors-Clover Park Technical College
- Graduate with Honors-National Louis University anticipated