

Maria V. Starling

A qualified Education professional with more than nine years of experience in secondary and post-secondary learning environments; along with a wealth of knowledge in development and implementation of educational tools and applications in professional settings, college classrooms and district settings.

HIGHLIGHTS OF EXPERIENCE/SKILLS

- Understands diversified learning needs of students and aid in development and implementation of technology projects designed to create positive results in individuals and groups.
- Continually promotes use of advanced technologies in daily activities and employ exceptional knowledge to develop and implement instructional classroom applications, and learning measurement tools.
- Effective researcher with ability to review and select new teaching materials and technologies with focus on strong strategic thinking and analytical skills.
- Detail-oriented, strong follow-through skills with the ability to take initiative, prioritize tasks, and work independently
- Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written;
- Excellent computer skills, including Microsoft Office, Word, Excel, PowerPoint

COURSES TAUGHT

- Communication Application
- Professional Communication
- Debate I
- Debate II
- Debate III
- **SPCH 1311, 1318, 1315, 1321**

EDUCATION

Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas

Master of Arts in Communication – May 2015

Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communication – August 2006

Houston Baptist University Doctorate Student- August 2018-Present

TEACHING AND TUTORING EXPERIENCE

Alvin Community College, Faculty Professor- 2015-Present

Lone Star College, Adjunct Professor- 2015-2016

San Jacinto College Adjunct Professor- 2015- Present

Houston Community College -2015-Present

College of the Mainland-Present

Teacher, Professional Communication – Aldine ISD –, 2006-2015

- Instructs students in grammar, style, organization persuasion, argumentation, audience, and other rhetorical concepts.
- Teach students on academic writing of reports, reviews, and analyses.

- Use google docs and other electronic resources in both online and face to face instruction.
- Design classes in a manner that facilitates the learning outcomes established by the Fine Arts Department.

Teacher, Communication Application- Aldine ISD, Houston, TX –, 2006-present

- Prepare lesson plans and develop activities for the academic development of students
- Week to week evaluations to ensure student knowledge
- Weekly communication with parents and staff, maintaining individual needs to curriculum progress
- Maintain files of attendance records and academic progress

Accomplishments:

- 90% increase of pass rate on EOC Exam
- Sponsor for the Speech & Debate Team, National Forensic Honor Society, Student Improvement Committee, Cheerleading Team, Attendance Committee, and 2006 New Teacher Mentoring Program
- Member of the Texas Speech Communication Association
- Member of the National Forensic League

Speech & Debate Coach – Aldine ISD, Houston, TX –, 2006-2015

- Prepare lesson plans and develop activities for the academic development of students
- Week to week evaluations to ensure student knowledge of debate research topics
- Weekly communication with parents and staff, maintaining individual needs to curriculum progress
- Provide after school tutorials for research and mock debates
- Conduct speech workshops
- Coach novice and advanced levels of various debate styles
- Harvard Initiative- planned, coordinated and established a financial plan for students to compete in forensics at Harvard University.
- Create press releases and documentation for donors

Accomplishments:

- 2013-2014 Octo finals in Duo Interpretation
- 2011-2012 Doubles Dramatic Interpretation
- UIL State Finalist
- Poetry Out loud Local & State Finalist
- TFA State Finalist
- NFL State Finalist

ESL Tutor- Forester Elementary Houston, TX –, 2006-2007

- Taught English language skills after school to students
- Prepare and develop activities for the academic development of students
- Week to week evaluations to ensure student knowledge

- Weekly communication with parents and staff maintaining individual needs and curriculum progress

Lecturer- Forester Elementary Houston, TX –, 2006-2007

- Assisted with classroom instruction and lesson preparation for students taking Sanford Ten
- Preparation for TAKS Exam
- Prepare and develop activities for students to understand and master math and reading techniques

Office Assistant - Texas Southern University, Houston, TX-, 2002-2003

- Organized files and assisted with new student orientation
- Maintained documents for doctoral students

OTHER PROFESSIONAL /ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

(2006-2015) **Forensic Program Redevelopment**, Aldine Senior High School-Forensics Program

I implemented fundraising tactic to eliminate existing deficit of funds. Developed and launched the school's first Mustang Campaign (Net: \$15,000) for student travel.

PROFESSIONAL AND COLLEGIAL AFFILIATIONS

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. – Member since 2002

Texas Speech Communication Association- Member since 2006

National Forensic League-Member since 2006

Top Ladies of Distinction- Member since 2012

National Communication Association Member since 2017

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

2010 Golden Apple Award

2014 recipient of the Graduate Student Communicator of the Year Award

Top 40 under 40 Educator Edition

2017 Excellence Award recipient of the John & Suanne Roueche Excellence Awards representing Alvin Community College.