

Megan Mekjian

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EDUCATION

Masters of Arts in Teaching with a Teaching Credential in Secondary Education at the University of Southern California – Phi Kappa Phi – 4.0 GPA

BFA New York University – Tisch School of the Arts/CAP 21 with Honors in Theatre - 3.636 GPA

- NYU Tisch Scholarship 2007-2010, NYU Trustee Scholarship, Dean's list

Orange County School of the Arts (OCSA) - 4.24 GPA

- Valedictorian – OCSA Class of 2006, “Academic Excellence – Leadership” – OCSA 2005-2006, National Honor Society Lifetime Member, California Scholarship Federation Lifetime Member

Roundabout Theatre Company Theatrical Teaching Institute - Summer 2015 Training Program

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

California School of the Arts – San Gabriel Valley – 9th Grade Literature, Language, and Composition Teacher (honors and non-honors), Choreographer, Director (July 2017-present)

- Develop original Literature, Language, and Composition curriculum.
- Co-direct and choreograph the ambassador student performing group, Fusion.
- Co-direct the all-school musical, *Pippin*.

The East Harlem School at Exodus House – Full-Time 4th-8th Grade Drama Teacher (Aug. 2016-July 2017)

- Developed original ensemble building, improvisation, interview skills, and cross-curricular curriculum.
- Directed, choreographed, stage-managed, and implemented five main-stage musical student productions, two vocal concerts, a poetry slam, and a poetry recitation every school year.
- Directed, lead, and coordinated a student choir.
- Taught Yoga, Fitness, and Dance classes. Substitute taught Humanities and Math courses.

Columbia Secondary School – Long Term Substitute Teacher and Student Teacher (Aug. 2015-July 2016)

- Long-term Substitute Teacher for 8th Grade English Language Arts, Philosophy, and Advisory. Developed original curriculum.
- Organized a staged reading of *Romeo and Juliet* with students and professional actors.
- Coached student speeches for the International Week Celebration.

Camp Yomawha – Drama Specialist (June 2015 – Aug. 2015)

- Taught five to seven theatre classes a day to K-8 students.

Student Teaching (Jan 2015 – March 2016)

- Columbia Secondary School – 8th Grade English Language Arts and Philosophy (Sept. 2015 – Mar 2016)
- Future Leaders Institute – 7th Grade English Language Arts (March 2015-May 2015)
- Cascades High School - 10th Grade English Language Arts (Jan. 2015-March 2015)

YM & YWHA of Washington Heights and Inwood – Drama Teacher (Jan. 2015-March 2016)

- Taught drama and yoga classes for 2nd-6th graders at the YM & YWHA's after school program.

SONYC– Song and Dance Teacher (Sept. 2014-June 2016)

- Taught a Musical Theatre performance and history class for middle school students in Columbia Secondary School's SONYC after school program.
- Taught a Musical Theatre dance class for Harbor Heights Middle School's spring break program.

The Calhoun School – Substitute Teacher (Nov. 2014 –June 2015)

- Substitute taught K-12 classes at The Calhoun School.

Master Classes – Teacher

- **Esperanza High School** (August 2013) – Taught dance class to the show choir for summer training.
- **Barrington Stage Company** (July 2013) – Taught dance to students participating in Barrington Stage Company's Professional Youth Theatre.
- **Apples and Oranges Studios** (July 2011 – August 2011) – Taught a series of musical theatre audition workshops to Orange County School of the Arts students participating in a summer theatre workshop.
- **Troika Entertainment** (August 2010- May 2012) - Taught musical theatre master classes at schools across the country while performing on the *Fiddler on the Roof* North American Tour.
- **Defore Dance** (May 2007) – Substitute dance teacher

D.A.R.E Dance –Teacher (Sept. 2006 —April 2007)

- Taught an after school dance class for 6th grade students in Washington Heights sponsored by D.A.R.E America.

Steps on Broadway – Nightshift Manager (Sept. 2012- March 2013), staff (July 2012- Aug. 2012)

- Created the evening schedule, managed the night shift staff, organized the facilities maintenance schedule, oversaw that the studio's standards, and trained new nightshift staff members.