

Grand Valley State University

College of Education

Practice Interview Documentation

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Interview with Brett Cataldo

Title Principal School Jenison Jr. High

Date 10/16/14 Signature Brett W. Cataldo

Additional Comments (optional)



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Mr. Brett Cataldo  
Jenison Junior High Principal  
Jenison Junior High School  
8295 20th Ave  
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October 16, 2014

Dear Brett Cataldo:

As I prepare to begin my professional career upon graduation this Fall 2014 at Grand Valley State University, I am seeking to gain experience working in the education field that would allow me to create a fun, kinesthetic, collaborative learning environment for the future generation of children in Mathematics and Biology.

For the past 5 years, I acquired strong leadership and interpersonal skills. I am now able to think quickly in emergency situations and in those requiring quick assessment of many factors in order to make appropriate decisions. Dealing with the diverse concerns of students, parents, and faculty, I have become adept at operating with the proper mix of authority, diplomacy, and tact.

I have worked steadily throughout college, gaining valuable experience from my volunteering in math classrooms in Grand Rapids Public Schools and Muskegon Public School and tutoring mathematics at Grand Valley's Student Academic Success Center and substitute teaching. I've used my teaching experience from each Muskegon High School (Volunteering and Teacher Assisting) and GRPS (Volunteer at two different middle school's and one elementary) and integrated with my own teaching philosophy with Jenison's educational philosophy and vision as student teacher.

While attending GVSU, I achieved a 3.09 cumulative grade-point average. I've co-founded two student organizations on campus, which were Delta Upsilon International Fraternity and Just Tennis. Both organizations allowed me to connect and network with colleagues around the world, especially in the Grand Valley and the Grand Rapids Community and allowed me to practice my people and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. My major in Mathematics with a minor in Biology and emphasis in secondary education has provided me with a thorough foundation in principles that will help shape our children's knowledge to become better leaders for tomorrow by teaching them reasoning, critical thinking and problem solving skills.

I would welcome the chance to discuss openings at your school district. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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### ❖ Objective

- To create and facilitate collaborative, kinesthetic, team learning environment as a teacher where students have an active role in the learning process by implementing critical thinking, reasoning and problem solving skills through various teaching methods in the areas of Biology and Mathematics.

### ❖ Education Experience

- 2008-Present, Bachelor of Science in Mathematics with an emphasis in Secondary Education and a minor in Biology, Grand Valley State University

- Overall G.P.A- 3.09

- 2012, American Red Cross CPR Certified

### ❖ Work/Volunteer Experience

- 2014, Student Teacher, Jenison Junior High
- 2014, Substitute Teacher, PESG
- 2013, Teaching Assistant, Muskegon High School
- 2012, Go Team Leader, Grand Valley State University
- 2011, Transition Leader (Fall Orientation Leader), Grand Valley State University
- 2010, 9th Grade Math Volunteer- Teacher Assistant, Muskegon High School
- 2010, Transition Leader (Fall Orientation Leader), Grand Valley State University
- 2010, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Math Volunteer teacher assistant, Alger Middle School
- 2010, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math Volunteer teacher assistant, MI Power
- 2010, Volunteer, Junior Achievement
- 2009-2013, Math 097-202 tutor, Grand Valley State University Student Academic Success Center

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### ❖ Leadership

- **Delta Upsilon International Fraternity- Grand Valley State Chapter**
  - Vice President of Academic Excellence- 2012
  - Academic Committee- 2011
  - Judicial Board-2011
  - Philanthropy Chairman- Fall 2010, Fall 2011 and Winter 2013
  - Community Service Chairman- Fall 2010
  - Founding Father
- **Just Tennis Club**
  - Co-President: 2010-2012
  - Club Founder

### ❖ References

- Jon Hassenbank 608-498-6082
- David Coffey 616-331-3747
- John Golden, 616-331-2494

### ❖ Educational Portfolio Available at: <http://mitchburdick.weebly.com/>