

Amanda L. Dunn

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Experienced leadership development specialist, 40 Under 40 recipient, and international educator with over fifteen years of success in fostering organizational growth. Skilled in designing comprehensive strategies and collaborating with stakeholders to develop targeted training programs aligned with organizational objectives.

Professional Experience

08.2021 – present
Harrisburg, USA

Vice President of Programs Big Brothers Big Sisters

- Led the development of innovative curriculum and programs for BBBS organization, emphasizing mentorship and leadership initiatives
- Played a pivotal role in executing the organization's strategic plan, resulting in a 46% growth in programs
- Cultivated community partnerships and coordinated events to bolster engagement and increase visibility
- Implemented leadership development programs, KPIs, trainings, and coaching for staff of twenty

08.2020 – 08.2021
Annapolis, USA

Trainer and Implementation Specialist Tyler Technologies

- Developed comprehensive training plans, outlining objectives, content, and materials for virtual and in-person training sessions
- Customized training schedules and content to meet individual client needs
- Conducted full-day client trainings throughout implementation cycles
- Utilized evidence-based teaching strategies, including knowledge checks and group discussions, to achieve learning objectives.

08.2016 – 08.2020
Hawalli, Kuwait

Instructional Learning Coach The American School of Kuwait

- Provided guidance, instruction, and support to a team of forty educators on personal and school-wide growth initiatives
- Collaborated with senior leadership and administration to execute program objectives
- Developed training goals, designed timetables, and produced resources for staff development sessions
- Formulated and implemented curricula for professional learning communities to promote a practical, job-focused learning environment that enhances participants' capabilities
- Utilized evidence-based coaching techniques and industry best practices to actively involve adult learners and enhance information retention

05.2014 – present
Harrisburg, USA

Leadership Seminar Chair and Corporate Board President Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership - Central PA

- Serving currently as the Corporate Board President
- Chaired leadership seminars for 250+ high school students and overseeing a staff of 85
- Designed and implemented an engaging, high-impact curriculum for a four-day leadership development seminar
- Delivered staff training sessions and staff meetings

08.2009 – 06.2016
Philadelphia, USA

Classroom Teacher Girard Academic Music Program

- Led as Department Head and Grade-level Team Lead for Middle and High School Social Studies and English subjects
- Coordinated and facilitated individualized and small group workshops to enhance differentiated student learning and instruction

Professional Experience

06.2013 – 08.2013
Nanyuki, Kenya

Teacher Coach & Liason Pa-Moja Ol Pejeta Conservancy

- Developed sustainable teaching practices and provided coaching to teachers on integrating these practices into their classrooms post-departure
- Collaborated with non-profit organization Pa-Moja and Ol Pejeta Nature Conservancy in Kenya as a liaison between local schools and schools in Canada and the United States

06.2011 – 08.2011
Gulu, Uganda

Teacher Coach & Mentor IC Teacher Exchange

- Collaborated with teaching staff to develop sustainable teaching practices with limited resources, ensuring successful implementation and continuity
- Designed and implemented professional development plans for Ugandan and North American teachers during an educational seminar

10.2008 – 06.2009
Philadelphia, USA

Classroom Teacher W.B. Saul High School

- Developed curriculum to enhance student learning
- Collaborated with colleagues to integrate technology and innovative teaching methods

Education

03.2019 – 06.2019

Instructional Coaching Certification Near East South Asia Council of Overseas Schools

Instructional Coaching Inquiry Cycle Certification in Coaching & Coachability
Designed and implemented professional development workshops, fostering a culture of continuous learning and growth within the school community.

08.2011 – 12.2013
Philadelphia, USA

Master of Arts in Education Gratz College

Achieved Summa Cum Laude honors
Specialized in Instructional Coaching, Curriculum Development, and Implementation of Differentiated Instruction strategies.

08.2006 – 12.2008
Philadelphia, USA

Bachelor of Science in Education Temple University

Graduated Cum Laude
Temple University Rome Study Abroad Program

08.2004 – 05.2006
Columbia, USA

Middle-Level Education Major University of South Carolina

Member of USC Dance Company
Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society

Relevant Experience

Central Penn Business Journal 40 Under 40 recipient for 2023
Leadership Cumberland Graduate
Corporate Board President of HOBY Leadership Seminars
Board member of the Carlisle Early Education Center
Workshop leader for Big Brothers Big Sisters of America
Workshop leader at Near East South Asia Educator Conferences
United Nations Education Liaison
K-12 Reading Action Plan Team Leader & NWEA Measures of Academic Progress Team Lead
Middle-States Accreditation Educational Program Committee Leader
Pennsylvania Level II Teaching Certificate in English and Social Studies