# Sara Toothman

Artist, Educator, Curriculum Designer

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### **About**

I am an idealistic, creative visual arts teacher determined to make a positive impact in my community. I love unraveling the unique motivators of children as they progress through their educational journey. Using the art of play and playful use of art, I strive to foster a trend of life-long learning amongst my students. I'm also an aficionado of high and low quality visual puns.

### **Education and Licensure**

2007 Master of Arts in Teaching

University of North Carolina - Pembroke

Visual Arts Specialization

2006 Bachelors of Fine Arts

University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

Studio Art and Art History Major

K-12 Art Masters Level Teaching License

# **Work Experience**

17 - 22 SEA-Tech High School

Administrative Support STAE Math & English Tutor Art Club Lead and Teacher

17 StreetSpark (Fitton Arts Center)

Mural artist in Hamilton Ohio

130' x 36' Public Art Street Mural

16 - 19 Painting with a Twist

Artist and Instructor

Children's and Adult painting classes

11 - 16 North Carolina Virtual Public Schools

Online Art Instructor Grades 8 - 12

Instructed Digital Photography and Beginning Visual Arts courses

11 - 15 West Pender Middle School

Visual Arts Instructor Grades 6 - 8 Developed and taught WPMS Minecraft Elective

Developed and taught Animation Enrichment Instructed Game-Based Literacy Intervention

07 - 11 South View High School

Visual Arts I, II, III, IV, & AP Instructor Grades 9 – 12 Developed and taught Freshman Seminar

## **Professional Organizations**

Wilmington Art Association
North Carolina Teaching Fellows
Professional Educators of North Carolina
North Carolina Technology in Education Society
North Carolina Art Educators Association

# **Honors and Leadership**

13 - 14 WPMS Teacher of the Year

13 - 14 Pender County Teacher of the Year

13 - 14 Cape Fear Shore Picks Top Educator

13 - 15 Superintendent Teacher Advisory Council

13 - 14 Teacher Ambassador at Forum for Emerging Issues

13 - 14 State TOY Summit

12 - 15 PCS Trained Mentor Teacher

13 - 14 PCS Arts Media Liaison

11 - 14 PCS Calendar Committee

12 - 14 NC Technology in Education Society Presenter

12 - 15 PCS Professional Development Presenter

12 - 14 PCS Middle School Arts Leadership Representative

# **Exhibitions & Art Festivals**

2020 Orange Street Arts Festival

2019 ARTFall

2019 Art for the Masses

2019 Art in the Arboretum

2018 Leland Cultural Arts Center Spring Art Market

2018 Port City Pride Festival

2016 Evendale Fine Art Exhibit

2012 Art 4 All

#### Skills

Mural Work

**Painting & Drawing** 

**Literacy Education** 

STEAM Education

**Curriculum Fortification** 

#### Connect







