

ACES INSIGHTS

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Christy Takacs, Executive Director

This month we are highlighting a few of our Cadre of Professionals who are available to assist you. They have a variety of areas of expertise and have proven to be excellent sources of support for our members. Reach out to any of them or contact me for more information. We are currently soliciting for General Staffing Solutions. We will need evaluators for that, so PLEASE let me know if you or someone on your staff would be willing to help with the process. Keep in mind that ACES is growing and continually adding new contacts and services. Please reach out to us ANYTIME when you have a need...we just might be able to help you! Don't forget to check out our new website to learn more about our available vendors, their contracts, and services they provide.

Cadre Professional: Monica Aguilar

Monica Aguilar is a retired educator and currently the Manager of Recruitment for the Golden Apple Foundation. She is from Albuquerque, New Mexico, and comes from a family of educators who have all worked within the Albuquerque Public School District. She met her husband while attending the University of New Mexico. They have two children: their son, Santiago, lives and works in Scottsdale, Arizona, and received his Bachelor's degree from Beloit College in Wisconsin; their daughter, Emily, plays soccer and attends the University of Colorado – Colorado Springs. Her husband, Chris, is a Supervising Federal Probation Officer with the United States Courts for the District of New Mexico.

Monica received her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Mathematics from the University of New Mexico, and her Master of Arts degree in Educational Leadership from New Mexico Highlands University. Monica has over 26 years of experience



working in an educational setting, 20 of which have been at Mark Armijo Academy (formerly Nuestros Valores Charter School). She was a teacher within Albuquerque Public Schools prior to working at Mark Armijo Academy and was a professor for the Alternative Licensure Program at Central New Mexico Community College. Monica strongly believes access to resources and opportunities is essential in helping improve the lives of children and families. She is passionate about the community she calls home and strives to ensure all students succeed. Monica is dedicated to her community, education, and family. She is an active community member and has served on the Governance Board at South Valley Preparatory Charter School in Albuquerque. She is connected to many organizations that align with her values and beliefs. Some of

the organizations she has collaborated with include Youth Development, Inc., New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence, Working Classroom, League of Latin American Citizens, Friends of Mark Armijo Academy, and the Alamosa Neighborhood Association.

Monica enjoys spending time with her family and friends by watching movies, traveling, and boating. Family time is an essential part of Monica's life, along with focusing on a healthy lifestyle. She loves to exercise, especially running, biking, and hiking. You can find Monica supporting local businesses by sipping coffee and reading a book at her favorite local coffee shops.

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Cadre Professional: Molly Fuhrman-Sherman

Molly Fuhrman-Sherman - Media Support Professional

Available immediately for design projects, short term contracts, or a long term position

Services available:
Graphic Design
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Social Media Strategy and Design
Data Entry
Transcription
Website Management
Administrative Support
Google Drive Management
Marketing Emails and Blog Posts
and More.....



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Cadre Professional: Debra Marquez

Title: Independent Contractor

Expertise: Curriculum identification & implementation, federal program support, professional development design and delivery, facilitation for collaboration, long range planning and implementation

Professional Biography: I have been an educator for 33+ years. My classroom experience includes general education and special

education at the elementary level with early childhood and TESOL endorsements. Two years of my teaching experience was in Fruitland, NM at a school with 100% Native American students and one year in Lima, Peru teaching Native Peruvian students. As a leader in education, my experience includes, instructional coach, Title I support for elementary, middle and high school administration, support for federally funded after school programs, reading intervention at middle and high school and Title I funded parent/family liaison support. I achieved my National Board Certification in 2007 and renewed that certification in 2016. I moved to the New Mexico Public Education Department: Instructional Material Bureau (NMPED: IMB) where I worked to improve the Instructional Material Summer Review Institute and the identification of high-quality instructional materials (HQIM) for teachers and students of New Mexico. While working at the NMPED, I was part of a team that coordinated with various state departments across the USA to identify, select and implement HQIM. That work included interfacing with leaders in sixteen state departments (Louisiana, Nebraska, Mississippi, Massachusetts are just a few) and in the education field in the forefront of the HQIM and high-quality professional development (HQPD) movement. I have worked with experts at EdReports, School Kit, TNTP, Instruction Partners, Achieve the Core, English Language Success Forum, Unbound Ed and many others. My final task before retiring from the NMPED was to champion a rule change implementing HQPD for the teachers of New Mexico. Since retiring in November of 2023, I have been privileged to work with a New Mexico charter school to develop a cohesive and comprehensive ELA and Math curriculum, rubrics and assessments. This led to the development of clear credit acquisition guidance for a challenging student population. This work feeds my passion to lighten the load of the classroom teacher, school administration and district personnel to ensure that all students have access to a high-quality education.

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Cadre Professional: Dr. Roxann Morris

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If you need chaos calmed--- Roxann is your person. She has 25 years of experience in K-12 education as a teacher, administrator, technology coordinator, data statistician, and program director. Roxann can help you with data analysis, grant writing and evaluation, classroom coaching using data, curriculum, teacher mentoring, MLSS, and standards alignment. She can help refine and coordinate Special Education services, bilingual services,



assessment and analysis. She has experience leading PLC teams and facilitating rich

conversations. Roxann can help administrators with federal program planning, implementation and monitoring (Title I application and reporting), textbook adoption, and effective implementation. Roxann will help you create beautiful systems from chaos, facilitate hard conversations, and make informed decisions using data while aligning to guidelines and policies.

Roxann has an EdD in Curriculum and Instructional design and worked directly with Grant Wiggins of Understanding by Design. She can support schools and teachers as they strategically implement new things (tutoring, after school, new curriculum, MLSS, Special Services, Equity practices). Roxann was a leader for ENMU-Portales for Walk the Talk, an innovative multi-year grant. She was NMPED Ed Administrator for Title I, Priority Schools and 21st Century Community Learning Centers statewide. She is an administrator and teacher mentor who can help you with just about anything.

Please contact Dr. Morris at morrisrox@gmail.com for more information!



Cadre Professional: Patti Kravitz

My name is Patti Kravitz and I have been in Education for over 18 years as a Special Ed Teacher, PE Teacher, Dyslexia /Reading Interventionist & School to Work Coordinator.

I believe we are here to help each other make it through each day and I chose to support children with becoming successful and

confident readers & writers.

The Program I use is *The MaxScholar Science of Reading Online-Offline Orton Gillingham program*. I have been using it as a classroom teacher and tutor for 3.5 years watching students soar in their foundational phonemic awareness, spelling, reading, & writing. MaxScholar was created by Dr. Deborah Levy who is known world-wide in the Dyslexia- Special Education Industry for over 40 years and who worked directly with Diana King who was Anna Gillingham's protégé. The MaxScholar online-offline program is consistent with meeting each student individually providing them the ability to "*work as fast as they can successfully or as slow as one must for success"*. I provide Professional Development Workshops, 1 on 1 or up to 3 students contract services onsite or virtually, & on-site Instructional Coaching.

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Don't forget to check out our new website! Everything you need to know about ACES and what we offer is right at your fingertips. We provide Cadre Professional Services, Employment Services, and Substitute Services. We also have a large list of contracted

vendors for your perusal, with their active contracts and information posted for your immediate use. Find out more about ACES and what we offer at

https://nmaces.org/ Reach out to Christy if you have any questions, or need more information!

