

# **Sherri Anderson**

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## **Education:**

Bachelor of Marketing and Business Administration, Western Michigan University, 1997  
Bachelor of English and Secondary English Education, Western Colorado University, 2006;  
Graduated Summa Cum Laude; Presented Undergraduate Paper at 2005 Symposium for Undergraduate Studies, Bogden, UT; Recipient of Alumni Award of Excellence  
Masters of Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Education, Adams State University, 2010;  
Graduated Summa Cum Laude; Presented Master's Thesis on Co-Teaching at 2010 Baltimore Symposium of Anthropological Studies, Baltimore, MD

## **Work Experience:**

### **English Teacher, Gunnison High School, 2014-present**

Responsible for creating, refining and implementing English content applicable to 9th-10th grade students in an intervention, mastery and advanced setting. Was actively involved in creating and applying intervention strategies for students with a broad spectrum of abilities, including students who were: non-English proficient, affected by mild to severe learning disabilities, below grade level reading and writing proficiencies, as well as above grade level and gifted learners. Co-taught reading intervention class with ELL teacher and collaborated extensively with special education department to ensure students met IEP goals. Successfully mentored new ELL teacher, as well as two student teachers.

### Specific Accomplishments:

- Classes regularly met or exceeded district reading and writing goals
- Recipient of 2014 IREX Teaching Fellowship in Colombia
- Recipient of two separate \$500 curriculum grants
- Author and recipient of yearly \$1500 travel scholarship for students
- Planned, coordinated and supervised three separate grade level, content specific field trips for 100+ students
- Served on Writing Task Force Committee, helped design, write and refine district writing rubric in response to state assessment data
- Helped design scope and sequence for English departments 6-12
- Rated "Highly Effective" by building principal three years in a row
- Member of Calendar Committee, GCEA Site Representative

### **English Language Learners Teacher, Gunnison High School, 2008-2014**

Responsible for all aspects of integration of non-English proficient students. Created programming for newcomers (those students who spoke little to no English), as well as tracking and transitioning those students approaching native speaker fluency. Also provided curriculum support to students transitioning from limited to full English. Additionally, trained content teachers and administration in all aspects of second language acquisition and best teaching practice for ELL learners. Collaborated and co-taught with content teachers to ensure best practices. Analyzed and disseminated state and building assessment data to content teachers. Advocated for families and students at the building, district and community level. Partnered with several community organizations to advocate for immigrant rights.

#### Specific Accomplishments:

- Created position from scratch
- Created LULAC, a student run minority leadership organization
- Recipient of annual \$500 Kiwanis grant for students to attend Cherry Creek Diversity Conference
- Teacher of the Year 2012
- Led several staff trainings on ELL teaching strategies
- Students consistently met or exceeded WIDA language goals
- Successfully advocated for soccer program at GHS

### **Head Coach, Gunnison High School Speech and Debate, 2013-present**

Inherited fledgling speech and debate program and grew participation from 6 to 25+ students. Transitioned team from festival team that competed in less than 5 meets per season to competitive, tournament team that travels across the state to compete in ten or more meets per year. Created fundraising opportunities and collaborated with college professors and community organizations. Developed curriculum for a speech and debate course.

#### Specific Accomplishments:

- Hosted 2019 Western Slope National Qualifiers at GHS for 150+ students and 75+ judges with zero net cost to district
- Coached National Qualifiers 2019, 2020
- Attended National Speech and Debate Tournament, Dallas, TX 2019
- Coached several state champions and team won several regional tournaments
- Created inaugural Maggie Long Award, which is awarded every year at the state tournament
- Team received Charter Status by the National Speech and Debate Association, 2019 (highest honor given to a team by the NSDA)

- NSDA Coach of Premier Distinction
- Member of District Committee, 2018-present

**English Teacher, John Mall High School, Walsenburg, CO 2006-2007**

Responsible for the development and implementation of English curriculum for 9-12th grade students in rural, high poverty school. Collaborated with 9th grade English and Social Studies teachers to create cross curricular content in a block schedule. Co-taught concurrent enrollment English course through Trinidad Junior College.

Specific Accomplishments:

- Students in 9th and 10th grade surpassed district growth goals by 25%
- Mentored student who was awarded the Daniels Scholarship

**Technology:**

Proficient in a number of educational and professional technology platforms including, but not limited to:

Google Suite, Blackboard, Wix, Weebly, Flipgrid, iMovie, Office Suite, Twitter, Adobe

\*I have always strived to integrate technology into my classroom and have become adept at learning new platforms quickly