

Bobby Pelz

Secondary School English Teacher

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“ I hope you know that to this date you have been one of the most influential teachers I've ever had.

*Sahand Reisieh,
Former Student*

“ I learned some of my most useful conversation and communication skills from you.

*Shahab Booshehri,
Former Student*

“ I look up to you as a role model and as a caring citizen who drops knowledge on all of the students about what is really going on in the world today.

*Brett Auer,
Former Student*

“ The music and literature you had us read taught me to consider and appreciate others perspectives. I was bored in school and you with a few other teachers really challenged and pushed me to grow and deeply engage. I am deeply grateful for you and that experience.

*Caitlin Mariah Jung,
Former Student*

“ Thanks to you I am open to voice my opinions... I am a stronger person on making my ideas be heard... I am aware of what is happening in the world around me and not just the country I live in.

*Haley Leonard,
Former Student*

I am a passionate educator that is looking to inspire young people through the lens of Language Arts. I bring exceptional content knowledge, an ability to craft thoughtful lessons and an engaging teaching style.

SPECIFIC SKILLS

- Curriculum developer
- Co-Teaching
- Collaborative
- Digital-savvy
- Accommodates
- Engaging
- Inspirational
- Passionate

EXPERIENCE

LAUNCH PAD EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, Santa Cruz, CA

Project Coordinator, 2011 – present

- Founding member of the program
- Tutored students from various backgrounds on a one-to-one basis
- Developed individual curriculum for each student
- Helped coordinate shift to current literary based mission

PRIVATE INVESTOR, Santa Cruz, CA

Stock Investor, 2011 – present

- Managed personal assets in the stock market
- Practiced philanthropy to support local teen organizations

COSTANOA CONTINUATION HIGH SCHOOL, Santa Cruz, CA

Guest Educator, 2011 – 2012

- Taught two six week units on Slam Poetry and Media Literacy
- Collaborated on unit planning with primary classroom teacher

CUPERTINO HIGH SCHOOL, Cupertino, CA

High School English Teacher, 2006 – 2010

- Helped to create and publish collaboration norms document
- Piloted 12th grade English inclusion class
- Advised the United Nations club and worked with students and families to organize a student humanitarian trip to Ethiopia
- Introduced slam poetry and founded the slam poetry club on campus
- Media literacy unit was adopted as part of 12th grade curriculum

EDUCATION

M.Ed., Admin and Supervision, San Jose State University, 2008 – 2010

M.Ed., Education, University of San Francisco, 2004 – 2006

B.A., English, University of Washington, 2000 - 2004