

Dear Dr. DaGiau,

I am writing to express my enthusiasm for the opportunity to work at the Northern Valley Regional School District. For as long as I can remember, I've shaped my life around working with children—teaching, mentoring, and empowering them to grow into confident, capable individuals. It's not just a career choice for me; it's a passion that has driven me to accumulate over 3,000 hours of hands-on experience across a diverse range of educational settings, from kindergarten classrooms to high school robotics labs.

What excites me most about teaching is the chance to instill essential life skills in students. I believe these are the tools that unlock their potential—not just to succeed academically, but to thrive in the real world. Whether I'm coaching a 4th grader through their first lines of code at theCoderSchool or guiding a high schooler to debug a highly capable robot, my goal remains the same: to help students discover their strengths, overcome challenges, develop critical thinking skills, and build out a foundation for lifelong success.

My experience spans a wide range of age groups, from incoming kindergartners at Kindergarten Kamp to high school seniors I've mentored in various settings. This breadth has taught me how to adapt my approach to meet students where they are. I take particular pride in my ability to connect with special needs students, a skill honed through years of volunteering at Camp Raspberry and developing tools like *Ready, Set, Speak!*, a web app designed to support children with autism and apraxia of speech. In many of my roles, I've been entrusted with students who require extra patience and creativity—responsibilities I embrace wholeheartedly.

I invite you to review the references listed on my resume; I'm confident they'll share glowing reviews of my work ethic, creativity, and genuine care for students. My resume highlights only the cream of the crop from my experiences, but I'd be thrilled to dive deeper into the full scope of what I've accomplished—and what I hope to bring to Northern Valley.

Thank you for considering my application—I look forward to the possibility of contributing to your team and making a lasting impact on your students.

Sincerely,
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FEATURED WORK EXPERIENCE

theCoderSchool, Ridgewood, NJ — Code Coach

JANUARY 2024 - PRESENT *(Over 630 hours of coaching time)*

Instruct students ranging from 1st to 10th grade, with the majority in 4th to 8th grade, on elementary coding concepts. Sessions are typically one-on-one to small groups (up to four students). Frequently worked with students requiring extra patience to meet their specific needs.

www.thecoderschool.com/locations/ridgewood - Reference: Jon Xu - (646) 331-3229

FIRST Robotics Team 1676, Montvale, NJ — Head of IT Mentoring

SEPTEMBER 2020 - PRESENT *(Well over 2,000 hours of mentoring time)*

Teach high school robotics students how to code. Student leader for three years and alumni mentor for four. Play a key role in teaching critical thinking skills needed for real-world applications. Help many students develop their social and interpersonal skills.

team1676.com - Reference: Jack Teadore - (201) 694-3540

Camp Raspberry, Pascack Valley Regional HS District

SEPTEMBER 2016 - PRESENT *(Over 100 hours of mentoring; over 600 hours of volunteering)*

Volunteer at inclusive programs fostering engaging experiences for children with special needs. Created the camp's website and developed platforms for virtual activities.

campraspberry.com - Reference: Christie Rossig - (201) 390-0481

Kindergarten Kamp, River Vale, NJ — Head Counselor

JULY 2013 - JULY 2022 *(Over 840 hours of supervision and leadership)*

Supervised and led activities for incoming kindergarten students during a three-week summer camp program. Supported emotional and social readiness for elementary school.

Reference: Danielle Giordano - (201) 264-0448

FEATURED PROJECT

Ready, Set, Speak, Montvale, NJ — Web App Developer

Designed and developed a custom website aimed at helping children on the autism spectrum or experiencing apraxia of speech improve communication skills. Engaged directly with children and families to understand their unique needs and challenges.

readysetspeak.org - Reference: Lisa Ruggieri - (201) 893-1281

HIGH SCHOOL INTERNSHIP

Pascack Valley Regional HS District — Intern & Web App Developer

SEPTEMBER 2019 - JUNE 2020

Shadowed the district technology director to learn the business operations of a school technology program. Created the school's digital alumni portal: alumni.pascack.org.

Reference: Paul Zeller - (201) 780-9453

EDUCATION

Montclair State University

B.S. DATA SCIENCE
MINOR COGNITIVE SCIENCE
MINOR PSYCHOLOGY

Graduation Date: June 2025

Cumulative GPA: 3.21

PRAXIS SCORES

READING (5713) - 192
WRITING (5723) - 166
MATH (5733) - 196
COMP. SCI. (5652) - 181

BLARK TECH, LLC

I lead **Blark IT Services**, a company that uses technology to help local clients solve problems.

Internship Mentor

SEPTEMBER 2023 - JUNE 2024

Mentored two Bergen Tech high school seniors for their internships.

Coordinator: Deborah Rick - debric@bergen.org

Student: Patrick Lambe - (201) 737-7443

Student: Daniel Marco - (551) 255-6520

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

Montclair Dean's List

DECEMBER 2021 - PRESENT

Honor Roll

DECEMBER 2016 - JUNE 2020

Student of the Year

EIGHTH GRADE

One student was chosen out of the entire eighth-grade class.