# JANESSA BEACH

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## **EDUCATION**

# **Bachelor of Science in Mathematics for High School Teacher Certification**

Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas

May 2015

# TEACHING RELATED EXPERIENCE

Student Teacher March 2015 – May 2015

Academy of Technology, Engineering, Math & Science, Abilene, TX

• Assumed responsibility for instruction of Algebra I and Geometry students.

Student Teacher Jan. 2015 – March 2015

Clack Middle School, Abilene, TX

• Assumed responsibility for instruction of Algebra I and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math students.

#### **Teaching Assistant for MATH 019**

Jan. 2014 - Dec. 2014

Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX

- Instructed developmental math students in number theory, algebra, and geometry.
- Developed a diverse range of instructional techniques.

# **Teaching Assistant for MATH 237**

Aug. 2014 – Dec. 2014

Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX

- Facilitated pre-service elementary teachers in maturing their mathematical knowledge.
- Provided additional instruction to developing students.

#### RESEARCH AND PRESENTATIONS

## **Undergraduate Research Festival, Presenter**

March 2015

Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX

- Portrayed a Lesson Study intended to improve students' proof writing.
- Analyzed students' proof understanding from the research.
- Publicized future directions for enhancing proof writing of students.

# **Teacher Work Sample, Developer and Instructor**

Spring 2015

Learning unit on factoring quadratic trinomials for Algebra I students.

- Pre-assessed students' knowledge on factoring to form instructional decisions.
- Employed formative assessments to determine students' understandings and misconceptions.
- Reflected on and evaluated student mastery of content with post-assessment.

#### Lesson Study Professional Development, Primary Researcher

Fall 2014

Abilene Independent School District, Abilene, TX

- Distinguished mathematical proof as the largest learning gap for Geometry students.
- Researched causes of this learning gap.
- Devised and implemented a lesson to address determined knowledge gaps.
- Assessed students' understanding of mathematical proof and learning.

# Lesson Study Professional Development, Researcher

Spring 2014

Abilene Independent School District, Abilene, TX

- Investigated knowledge gaps of quadratic functions in Algebra I and II students.
- Designed and taught a lesson to address the determined knowledge gaps.
- Evaluated the lesson for effectiveness in addressing the knowledge gaps.

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Honors	
Abilene Christian University Valedictorian	Spring 2015
Determined by 4.0 GPA.	
University Scholar	April 2015
Appointed by ACU Faculty Senate.	
Sam McReynolds Teaching Award	April 2015
Appointed by Mathematics Department.	
Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, Member	Spring 2012
Kappa Delta Pi, Member	Spring 2013
Dean's List	Five Semesters
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS	
National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Member	2014 – present