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Karen Fitzgerald
School Committee Administrative Assistant
869 Massachusetts Avenue, 6th Floor
Arlington, MA 02476

Dear Ms. Fitzgerald:

Please accept this letter of interest to join the Arlington Rainbow Commission. I am an educator, LGBTQIA+ community member and fierce advocate serving the community by actively contributing to transformation by promoting diversity, equity, and inclusiveness for all. I hope to use my experiences advocating for those of all races, religions, sexual orientations, and abilities to add my voice in making the town of Arlington an inclusive and safe space for all of its residents. I have lived in Arlington for over three years, and in those three years, I have seen how the community of Arlington comes together to promote a rich community of diversity.

Below, I am proud to highlight some of my key accomplishments:

- Collaborating with teachers and students, I help set up a *Peace Flag Making Day*, where all students and faculty were invited to decorate rainbow flags to display in every classroom.
- I have trained teachers and administrators in supporting transgender students in public schools.
- I am an active member of the *Equity Committee* at Marshall Simonds Middle School in Burlington, MA where we tackle issues that face our students while facilitating conversations with faculty, students, and parents in order to actively create a positive building climate.
- I have attended IDEAS trainings to help facilitate difficult conversations related to biases, racism, and tolerance/acceptance.
- As a member of the Boston Gay Men's Chorus for over 7 years, we have used our platform to inspire change, celebrate community, and create change.
- I have traveled extensively abroad, helping me to gain a global perspective in this world.

I hope to combine my enthusiasm, compassion, and experience in order to contribute my ideas to the Arlington Rainbow Commission in order to help make the town of Arlington an inclusive and safe environment for all. Feel free to contact me at your convenience at 617-909-7944 or kmistler@gmail.com. I look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,

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EXPERIENCE

Art Educator

Burlington Public Schools, Burlington, MA | May 2010–Present
Marshall Simonds Middle School 2019–Present
Burlington High School May 2010-2019

- Prepare relevant and engaging art + design lessons to a multitude of learners.
- Co-chair of the scheduling committee to establish a new daily school bell schedule.
- Developed curriculum maps for digital publishing, fashion, and web design.
- Facilitated a faculty training, "Using Social Media in the Classroom."
- Committee member to interview and hire middle school art educator.
- Plan annual art & fashion show.
- Established and built the Fashion Design program.
- Participated in a teacher exchange program to Italy.
- Collaborated with state representative Ken Gordon to host a fashion show at the Massachusetts State House.
- Hosted a student teacher from Boston University.
- Facilitated a faculty and administrator training, "Supporting Transgender Students."
- Committee participation include: 1:1 implementation committee, NEASC Steering Committee.
- Advise clubs such as Yearbook, Spectrum (GSA), and Senior Retro.

Adjunct Graduate Instructor

The Art of Education University | May 2017–December 2019

- Evaluate and assess graduate-level student work.
- Prepare and teach courses in an online content learning management system.
- Engage students in online facilitation and rich discussion.

Owner and Principal Photographer

Keefers Photo, Arlington, MA | May 2010–Present

- Work with clients to deliver high quality photographic packages and valuable day-of wedding experiences.
- Exhibit fine art in local art spaces and galleries.

Junior Designer

Bedford/St. Martin's, Boston, MA | February 2008–August 2009

- Designed and produced print ads for college textbook titles and supervised quality control on ads.
- Developed web sites, banner ads, e-mail blasts, landing pages, and online newsletters.

EDUCATION

Boston University, Boston, MA

Master of Fine Arts in
Studio Art Teaching, May 2010
Summa Cum Laude

Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, MA

Bachelor of Arts in Art,
concentration in
Graphic Design, May 2007
Magna Cum Laude

EXHIBITION & PUBLICATION

- *Artist*, Fluid Perspectives: LGBTQ Arts Fest, Akron Soul Train
- *Featured artist*, Our Queer Art
- *Published book cover*, The Ivory Rite novel
- *Honorable Mention*, LightSpaceTime, 555 Art Exhibition
- *Artist*, Montserrat College of Art, Inspired Views
- *Artist*, Davis Gallery, Snapshot in Time
- *Artist*, iYo Café, Solo Exhibition
- *Artist*, Somerville Open Studios
- *Artist*, Bedford/St. Martin's Art Exhibit
- *Artist*, The Bridge, Literary & Fine Art Journal
- *Artist*, Computer Art Exhibition, Bridgewater State University

RESIDENCIES

- *Feed Your Soul Fellowship*, Maine College of Art (MECA)
- *Approaching Walden Teacher Institute*, The Walden Woods Project
- *Artist as Innovator Teacher Institute*, Peabody Essex Museum
- *Teacher Institute in Contemporary Art*, School of the Art Institute of Chicago