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Education

Bachelor of Arts: Visual Art Education Expected in 05/2027
Hope College - Holland, MI

High School Diploma 05/2023
Benet Academy - Lisle, IL

Professional Summary

Nicolas (Nico) Kazlauskas is a Visual Arts and Education major at Hope College. With experience in various classroom environments, Nico has written, planned, and delivered lessons for students in grades K-12, including Special Education classrooms. His work has fostered a deep passion for visual art and its connection to education, both within and beyond the classroom.

Work History

TEDx Speaker 11/2024 to 02/2025
TEDx – Holland, MI

- Exemplifies strong public speaking skills through weekly professional development meetings with curators.
- Wrote, memorized, refined, and publicly delivered a live speech at a TED event for TEDx's official YouTube page and library.

Painting TA 12/2024 to Current
Hope College – Holland, MI

- Manage classroom behavior effectively, creating a positive learning atmosphere conducive to academic success.
- Help with grading assignments and critiques, provide constructive feedback to students based on results.
- Partner with the professor to plan and implement lessons following the school's curriculum, goals, and objectives.

Resident Artist and Teacher 05/2025 to 08/2025
Purple Brush Art – Naperville, IL

- Mentored emerging and adult artists, providing guidance on technique and professional development within the artistic community.
- Developed curriculum for workshops aimed at skill-building in painting, sculpture, and mixed media techniques.
- Improved studio workflow by implementing efficient processes for art material management and project tracking.

Guest Expirence Facilitator
Dupage Children's Museum – Naperville, IL

08/2022 to Current

- Foster an inclusive learning environment by addressing diverse needs and adapting facilitation techniques.
- Increase child engagement by incorporating interactive activities and group discussions into play.

Photographer and Photography Editor
The Anchor Newspaper – Holland, MI

08/2023 to Current

- Deliver high-quality images under tight deadlines, demonstrating strong time management skills.
- Photograph high-quality images for various print and digital projects.
- Manage multiple projects simultaneously by prioritizing deadlines and maintaining excellent organization.

Film and Media Production Education Placement
Careerline Technology Center – Holland, MI

01/2025 to Current

- Assist with day-to-day operations, working efficiently with all team members, mentor teachers and students.
- Demonstrates strong communication skills through regular interactions with others.

Elementary Art Education Placement
Lincoln Elementary – Holland, MI

08/2024 to 12/2025

- Assisted with day-to-day operations, working efficiently and productively with all team members, mentor teacher, and students K-5.
- Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written.

Special Education Placement Teacher
Holland High School – Holland, MI

01/2024 to 05/2024

- Worked with a mentor teacher to manage classroom behavior effectively by establishing clear expectations, modeling appropriate conduct, and consistently enforcing established rules and consequences.
- Differentiated instruction to accommodate diverse learning needs, ensuring each student had an equal opportunity for success.

Skills

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| • Public Speaking | • Classroom Management |
| • Studio Art Practice | • Lesson Planning |
| • Adobe Suite | • Camera Operations and Photography |
| • Welding | • Contemporary Arts |