

# ALEXANDRA CHAURAN, M.I.T.

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## Areas of Strength:

### **Responsible ▪ Observant ▪ Quick Learner**

Excellent Common Sense/Problem Solving Skills ▪ Positive Attitude ▪ Good Work Ethics  
Extremely Dedicated ▪ Not Afraid of Getting Into the Trenches ▪ Highly Motivated

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**Valdosta State University – Anticipated Doctor of Public Administration Graduation 2015**

**Seattle University Masters in Teaching – Graduated 2006**

**University of Washington – Bachelors of Science in Zoology Graduation 2002**

Psychology ▪ Writing ▪ Teaching ▪ Research ▪ Sociology

Dean's List ▪ President's List ▪ Honor Roll

## Professional Experience:

### **Business Owner. 1999 – Present.**

➤ (*EarthShod*) Wrote over a dozen books contracted for production by major publisher, Llewellyn Worldwide. Worked in partnership with my local Chamber of Commerce as a sponsor of the Business in Education Exchange. Used HTML to create my own business web-site. Designed and implemented marketing campaigns. Was interviewed by major media outlets including National Public Radio, the Seattle Times and the Colorado Springs Gazette. Served clients with entertainment and personal consulting services.

### **Teacher. 2006 - 2008**

➤ (*Seattle and Kent Public Schools.*) Applied for and received grants for my students and my school. Identified student needs and taught standards-based curriculum to meet those needs. Worked collaboratively as a science department head to manage the equipment and curriculum budget and found a new high school under intense time pressure. Served as a curricular leader for the district to review and make recommendations for curriculum. Wrote content for the school newsletter and web-site. Taught 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade Science, Language Arts and Art.

### **Tutor, 2004-2005.**

➤ (*Huntington Learning Center.*) Provided individualized instruction to children grades K-12.

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**References:** Anna Flory, Team-Mate - (206) 252-1772 (w) - (206) 650-8255 (h)  
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**Interests:** Volunteer with: SpiralScouts International as scout leader and tribal coordinator, Friend to Friend USA as a visitor to the elderly, Cedar River Montessori School as PTSO member, From Within Academy as an assistant, Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network as researcher, the National Weather Service as weather spotter, Harborview Medical Center as a community chaplain, and Puget Sound Blood Center as a regular donor. I am a proud full time parent to a three year old daughter and a two year old son.

*Excellent Health; Non-smoker; driver's license; teaching certificate; certified counselor; TB tested*

## **Organizations:**

*Renton Chamber of Commerce:* A chamber of commerce dedicated to networking and increasing business prosperity in the city of Renton, Washington. Taught a social media class to local business owners. Both participated in and sponsored the Business in Education exchange.

*Kent School District:* Founded an alternative high school called Kent Phoenix Academy. As the head of the science department, I built the school's labs from the bottom up from a budget. We interviewed staff and students. I also became a curriculum leader with in the Kent School District.

*Seattle Public Schools:* Taught at Salmon Bay School, an alternative middle school and elementary school. I designed and taught science, language arts and art to sixth, seventh and eighth graders. The curriculum for each class had to be designed to meet state standards.

*Huntington Learning Center:* The learning center was one location of a franchise devoted to tutoring students K-12 who struggled with school. As a tutor, I instructed students with lessons designed to drill their skills so that they could succeed in the classroom.

*SpiralScouts International:* SpiralScouts is a coed scouting organization that welcomes children of any race, sexual orientation or creed. As the Tribal Coordinator, I acted as the public face of the organization for local interested families wanting to join and volunteered as a Circle Leader.

*Friend to Friend USA:* Friend to Friend USA is an organization that pairs volunteers up with elderly or disabled people in nursing homes that would otherwise have no visitors. Participating with this organization for two years, I've been working with Issaquah Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and their residents.

*Cedar River Montessori School:* This alternative preschool, elementary and middle school provides education to a diverse community of students. I volunteered in the classroom as well as with the Parent Teacher Student Organization to fundraise for the school with an auction.

*From Within Academy:* This dance school provides free classical dance performances to local communities. Within the organization, I've worked as a wellness volunteer to assist teachers and students with any health issues or injuries that may arise.

*Community Collaborative Rain, hail and Snow Network:* This organization crowd-sources precipitation data through a team of community volunteers. Rainfall data matters in cases of city-wide drought or flood damage that can affect civic planning. I was one of the volunteer researchers.

*National Weather Service:* This organization provides emergency weather news for aircraft advisories and infrastructure planning. As a Weather Spotter, I was trained to man a station and report significant weather events.

*Harborview Medical Center and University of Washington Medical Center:* I was trained in Clinical Pastoral Education at the University of Washington. I volunteered at two hospitals within their network as an interfaith chaplain. I was able to help patients, family and staff navigate personal crises.

*Puget Sound Blood Center:* This blood center is the only major regional supplier of blood products in my area. As a regular donor, I've responded to drives but also set up regular donations on my own at a nearby center. I've also volunteered for the bone marrow registry and have donated cord blood.